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Retirement settlement fund trustee Civille & Tang released to Gov. Eloy S. Inos and lawmakers a breakdown by island of the estimated $16.4 million needed to fund retirees' 25-percent deferred pension payments for fiscal year 2014, even as negotiations are still ongoing for a final grant of an exclusive Saipan casino license and the eventual release of a $30-million bank deposit.

But as of yesterday afternoon, the governor said discussions are still continuing whether it would be the Department of Finance or the NMI Settlement Fund that will process these payments.

Civille & Tang, as the settlement fund trustee, currently processes retirees' 75-percent pension payment.

The remaining $13.6 million from the $30 million two-year advance casino license payment is expected to be used to pay the interest on former defined benefit plan members' with-

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BY THE NUMBERS

The following is a breakdown by island of the estimated $16.4 million needed to fund retirees' 25-percent deferred pension payments for fiscal year 2014

SAIPAN	$11.05 million
ROTA	$1.35 million
TINIAN	$1.05 million
OFF-ISLAND	$2.95 million

Source: Civille & Tang

New investor eyes 2nd Tinian casino

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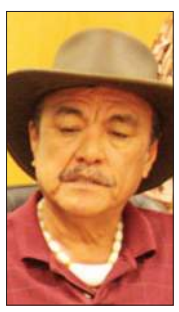
Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz said yesterday that Tinian should expect a new $200-million casino resort investment, this time from Macau-based Alter City Group.


Dela Cruz

The Tinian mayor said Alter City has offered to take over a public land lease at Nasarino Beach that was previously leased by Marianas Resort Development Corp. MRDC had planned to build a $300-million Matua Bay Casino Resort on the property, plus an 18-hole championship golf course.

Now, Alter City plans to build on the same property a 300-room hotel casino with an 18-hole golf course and a variety of entertainment options, Dela Cruz said.

"We are happy about this latest development on Tinian. We are all for economic development," Dela Cruz told *Saipan Tribune* in a phone interview. He said he met with representatives of Alter City last week.

Dela Cruz also mentioned this in

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SUMMER PROJECTS DENNIS B. CHAN

Children who are taking part in the Empty Vessel Ministry's summer school program proudly show off the *mwar-mwar* they learned to make during a visit to the Office on Aging in Garapan. The children also learned bead-making and coconut-leaf weaving from the elderly congregants at the Man'amko Center.

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Senator, citizen raise concerns about Manglona exit from NMC

Sen. Paul Manglona and private citizen Crispin Ogo aired their concerns yesterday over the recent unceremonious departure of Cooperative Research and Extension Services dean and director Ross Manglona from the Northern Marianas College.

Appearing at yesterday's Board of Regents meeting, Ogo spoke first but was unable to deliver his intended address due to procedural matters. Instead, he submitted documents for the board's consideration.

Manglona acknowledged board procedure but asked for a short time to share his concerns on behalf of citizens of Rota who have called him on the issue.

"At least five people have called me up. I know that you all sympathize with our farmers down [on] Rota because you've seen the economic situation down there. You see people really suffering," he said.

Manglona pointed out that whatever economic activity Rota has is agricultural.

"[Ross Manglona] has been a tremendous help to many of these farmers and they just want to know what's going on," he said.

He said he has talked with the mayor of Tinian and that the same concerns are being raised there.

"With any program it really does matter who the individual is, that the person knows the island, knows the people," Manglona said.

He said it is critical for the board to let the public speak on the issue.

"On Rota and Tinian, NMC hardly has any major program [other] than CREES. We want to have what's left there of your main program to succeed and to flourish and to help our farmers and our people there," Manglona said.

Board chair Frank Rabauliman opened the meeting's public comments section by making it clear that while any individual or group may address the board, comments should focus only on items that are on the agenda.

He recommended that Ogo write a letter to the board instead, seeking for the issue to be included in the next board meeting.

"[I have] the ability to call a special meeting if this warrants a special meeting," Rabauliman said.

While Ogo acknowledged procedure, he asked the board to give him an opportunity to present his case.

"This issue today requires immediate attention because it pertains to employees, not an employee, but employees of Northern Marianas College. I need this time to share my thoughts on the policy of [the college]," Ogo said.

He asked board members to revisit the agenda and possibly pass a motion to include it for discussion.

Regent John Lizama said the board would not take the matter lightly but that discussion should be moved to a later meeting due to possible sensitive information.

"The individuals here should recognize that there is a procedure, they should cautiously learn how to do [so they are not] jeopardizing also the interest of the individual that they are here for," Lizama said.

Another regent, William Torres, asked the board to discuss the issue in an executive session as it deals with policy concerns.

"This board cannot blindly shove [the issue] aside so for that reason I'd like for the matter to be discussed today in an executive session because it involves personnel," Torres said.

In a later interview, Ogo said the documents he submitted were his own personal testimony, a copy of the grievance filed by Ross Manglona with the college in 2012, a letter from the college's legal counsel, and citizen testimony from a James Matsumoto. ***(Dennis B. Chan)***

NMC nursing program to ally with Kaplan

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The Board of Regents was presented yesterday with a plan to bring the Northern Marianas College's nursing program up to national standards by partnering with the Kaplan nursing program.

Currently the national average for nursing graduates passing the NCLEX-RN exam, which is required to be licensed as a registered nurse, is 80 percent.

Rosa Tudela of NMC's Nursing Program disclosed that in 2011, 66 percent of NMC's nursing graduates passed the exam, and in 2012, out of 16 graduates, seven were tracked to have taken the exam with only three passing.

In 2013, NMC graduated 36 nursing students, with six students taking the exam. Two passed.

Tudela said the lack of students taking the exam might be because of the test fee, which is about $400, or due to a lack of confidence from inadequate preparation.

By partnering with Kaplan, the college's nursing program will integrate exam preparation into the program, Tudela said.

"The more you practice exams, the more you think that way [in line with the national exam], she said.

Tudela said students would have access to 21 hours of online instruction, and practice for diagnostic exams, admission tests, and end-of-course tests, among others. A Kaplan representative would also arrive for faculty training and orientation.

Nursing instructor Johnny Aldan noted that the University of Hawaii at Manoa had the same integrated nursing program with Kaplan and had a passing rate of 100 percent.

Tudela said she initially planned for the program for spring and fall semesters 2015 but would like to see it integrated as soon as this semester as the college admits a new cohort of nursing students.

"[The program] won't cost the college any money," she said, adding that costs will be allocated as fees on tuition for nursing students.

She noted that fees can be built into the computer or skills lab fee so that students may use financial aid to cover the program's cost.

She said integrated testing with remediation would could about $250 per nursing student.

NMC president Dr. Sharon Hart said the program's goal is to reach the national passing average of 80 percent.

CPUC approves order on release of regulation costs

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An order that crafts a reporting mechanism on the administrative and regulatory costs the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission incurs whenever it entertains a petition from a regulated entity such as the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. was approved yesterday.

According to a report by CPUC hearing examiner Harry Boertzel, there have been questions about the fairness of the commission's regulatory fees and expenses and even the value of regulation, so this new reporting mechanism will make this information readily available to CNMI ratepayers.

"The commission finds these allegations to be extremely serious given the fact that it is tasked with serving as public watchdog to assure that the rates and charges of regulated utilities, including those of the CUC, are just, reasonable, and necessary," Boertzel stated.

According to him, the commission operates on an administrative budget of just $150,000, which prevents it from hiring full time staff.

"With this limited budget it is challenged to gather the administrative resources that are necessary to regulate CUC with gross annual revenues of over $90 million. It also gain regulatory expenses regulating proceedings on CUC petitions and is billed directly to CUC," Boertzel stated.

CUC and Georgetown Consulting Group were directed to provide information by Aug. 8 on the consolidated electric, water and wastewater petition filed by CUC on July 5, 2013.

CUC executive director Alan Fletcher, however, asked that this be moved to Aug. 22 as they need more time to prepare the reports.

These reports include CUC's total expenses for consulting, legal, and any other outside contractual assistance, total of regulatory expense billed by Georgetown, as well as the commission's summary of regulatory expenses such as counsel fees, notice expenses, travel expenses, and others.

"The transparent disclosure of all regulatory expenses, both those earned by the commission and by CUC should occur as a matter of commission policy in every regulatory docket," Boertzel said.

All of Boertzel's recommendations were approved and all information is expected to become available to the public on or before Aug. 22.

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GOP names Northern Islands mayor, Precinct 5 bets

» Democrats to file candidacies today

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Francisco Jerome K. Aldan is the Republican Party's candidate for Northern Islands mayor, while the party also named last night Francisco Aguon as the second candidate for a House seat representing Precinct 5.

Aldan is program manager for the Northern Islands Mayor's Office and has been serving as acting mayor because of the current mayor's health condition. He has been a strong advocate for keeping the Northern Islands pristine for residents and visitors. Aguon, meanwhile, is currently a labor law enforcement officer at the Department of Labor. Aguon joins incumbent Rep. Antonio Agulto as Precinct 5 House candidates.

Ivan Blanco, chairman of the GOP Central Committee's public relations team, announced this last night, shortly after the Republican Party board endorsed the two candidates.

Meanwhile, the Democratic Party will be filing their petitions and candidacies today at the Commonwealth Election Commission, led by the gubernatorial tandem of Edward "Tofila" M. Deleon Guerrero and Danny Quitugua.

This brings to three the gubernatorial teams that have so far formally filed their candidacy, along with Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) of the Republican Party, and former governor Juan N. Babauta and former senator Juan S. Torres as Independents.

The Independent gubernatorial team of former speaker Heinz S. Hofschneider and Senate Floor Leader Ray Yumul (Ind-Saipan) has yet to file theirs.

Babauta-Torres platform

Moreover, the Babauta-Torres team laid out yesterday their 2014 platform, about a week after filing their candidacy. It covers economy, CNMI-specific legalized work status, tax issues, education, health care and federal relations, among other things.

The Babauta-Torres team is seeking legal status for five years—or a five-year work permit—for all current nonresident workers in the CNMI, to continue to work in the Commonwealth.

"This legal status is specific to the CNMI and is for a maximum of 14,000 nonresident workers, unless and until a lower number is set by the U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security by his authority under 48 U.S.C. 1806 in the U.S. Code," Babauta-Torres said.

Aug. 3-9 is proclaimed National Farmers Market Week

WASHINGTON—Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has declared Aug. 3 through 9, 2014, "National Farmers Market Week." Throughout the week, USDA will celebrate our nation's thousands of farmers markets, farmers who make them possible and the communities that host them.

The declaration was made via an official proclamation signed by Vilsack. This year marks the 15th Annual National Farmers Market Week recognizing the important role that farmers markets play in the agricultural and food economy. The U.S. Department of Agriculture began declaring National Farmers Market Week in 2000.

"National Farmers Market Week is a great opportunity for farmers markets across the country to host special events to showcase all the tremendous services they provide," said Vilsack. "Farmers markets play a key role in developing local and regional food systems that support family farms, and help grow rural economies. They bring communities together, connecting cities with the farms that support them and provide Americans across the country with fresh, healthy food."

In honor of National Farmers Market Week, USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service Administrator Anne Alonzo will be at the Dane County Farmers Market located on the grounds of the State Capitol building in Madison, Wisconsin on Saturday, Aug. 2. The Madison farmers market is the largest producer-only farmers market in the U.S. On Aug. 8, the USDA Farmers Market, located at USDA headquarters in Washington, DC, will host a Healthy Back-To-School Challenge to show kids and their families how to cook simple, healthy, and delicious snacks with seasonal ingredients. Other USDA officials will be at other farmers market locations across the country throughout the week.

Thousands of farmers markets across the country offer consumers fresh, affordable, convenient, and healthful products sold directly from the farm. They also offer additional market opportunities for local producers, especially smaller or newer operations. Farmers markets increasingly offer electronic benefits transfer technology that can be used by recipients of USDA's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program—as well as low-income women, infants, and children and seniors participating in the WIC and Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Programs—to get fresh, seasonal ingredients.

Farmers market development is a cornerstone of the USDA's Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food Initiative, which coordinates the department's policy, resources, and outreach efforts related to local and regional food systems. Vilsack has identified strengthening local food systems as one of the four pillars of USDA's commitment to rural economic development, along with production agriculture (including expanding export markets and improving research), promoting conservation and outdoor recreation opportunities, and growing the biobased economy. ***(USDA)***

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The Thursday Market at the Garapan Fishing Base has become an institution and an added attraction on Saipan, where residents and tourists alike can buy fresh produce and fruits at reasonable prices.

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the latest monthly Tinian publication called *Gasetan TaoTao Tinian*. He also cited Mega Stars Overseas Ltd.'s development plans for Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino.

"Despite recent developments on Saipan, Mega Stars has made the commitment to move forward with their expansion plans, including a major development on Kastiyu Plateau," the mayor said.

Dela Cruz said having two competing hotel-casino-golf course complexes on Tinian is "in the best interest" of Tinian's gaming industry. Alter City still has to apply for a casino license.

Saipan is on its way to developing an integrated casino resort worth at least $2 billion. The Lottery Commission is negotiating with investor Best Sunshine International Ltd. for a casino development agreement, for the eventual grant of an exclusive Saipan casino license.

Best Sunshine won over Marianas Stars Entertainment Ltd., partly owned by Mega Stars that now owns Tinian Dynasty.

Military exercise

The Tinian mayor also said in his message to the community that the Okinawa-based U.S. Air Marine Group 12 will be returning to Tinian for another two-month exercise beginning in August.

"This time, their main focus will be clearing the 'other' West Field runway, the one 'inside the fence,'" he said.

The mayor added that the Marines are enthusiastic about working with the community, buying locally and providing an avenue for cattlemen to carry water through the West Field area during their exercise. He asked for the community's patience "because this traditional roadway will be in much better condition as a result of their efforts."

Two-thirds of Tinian lands are leased to the U.S. Department of Defense.

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drawn contributions, among other things.

Civille & Tang said an estimated $11.05 million of the total $16.4 million is for Saipan residents or retirees, while $1.35 million is for Rota residents and $1.05 million is for Tinian residents.

The remaining $2.95 million is for off-island residents or retirees.

Attorney Joyce C.H. Tang of Civille & Tang PLLC told the governor and lawmakers that the estimated $2.95 million for off-island residents includes "all off-island residents who retired while residing on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota."

Tang, in her July 15 letter to the governor, Tinian Legislative Delegation chair Sen. Frank Borja (Ind-Tinian), and Rota Legislative Delegation chair Teresita Santos (Ind-Rota), said their estimate for assisting the CNMI government with providing the "calculations, preparing and mailing the statements, postage and other research required is approximately $17,000."

Inos, in an interview on Capital Hill yesterday, said they are still "trying to find out what's the most practical and easiest way" to process the payments.

Yesterday afternoon, the Tinian Legislative Delegation was supposed to meet with Retirement Fund's Lillian Pangelinan but only the lawmakers showed up.

Borja said the Tinian Legislative Delegation wanted to find out the specific breakdown for the "$2.95 million" for retirees now living off-island so that Tinian and Rota legislative delegations would know how much they have to specifically appropriate for the 25 percent pension payment and other activities.

Rota and Tinian each get $2 million from the $30 million, representing the first and fifth year of casino license payment from the holder of the exclusive license.

Best Sunshine International Ltd. is now negotiating with the Lottery Commission to come up with a casino development agreement for the eventual grant of an exclusive license to develop a $2 billion integrated casino resort on Saipan.

The issuance of that license will trigger the release of the $30 million deposit in the bank that will fund the payment of retirees' deferred 25-percent pension, among other things.

The governor reiterated this process yesterday, adding that there is no specific date as to granting of the casino license and the 25-percent pension checks.

"Time is of the essence," he added. The governor said he is not part of the negotiation for a casino development agreement.

Rota, Tinian bills

Rota and Tinian lawmakers already formally introduced during the House's July 22 session separate local bills appropriating $2 million each from the $30 million Saipan casino license, under Public Law 18-56 or the Saipan casino law.

Rep. Trenton Conner (Ind-Tinian) introduced House Local Bill 18-59.

Conner said yesterday once the Tinian delegation learns about the specific breakdown for off-island retirees, then they will amend the bill to be able to appropriate the remaining amount for other activities.

For example, the settlement fund trustee said they estimate that $1.05 million is needed to fund Tinian retirees' 25-percent pension for 2014.

This leaves almost $1 million that can be appropriated for other activities.

Conner and Borja, however, said the Tinian delegation is also contemplating whether to also pay the second year of the deferred 25-percent pension.

The governor, when asked for comment on whether the fifth year pension should also be paid after the release of the $30 million deposit, said, "We should be up and running by the fourth year."

Santos, meanwhile, introduced House Local Bill 18-58 appropriating $2 million for Rota retirees, among other things.

Of the $2 million total, $1.35 million is for the payment of retirees' 25 percent deferred pension.

Santos' bill also appropriates $290,000 for the payment of debt owed the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation.

The other $360,000, meanwhile, will be appropriated by the Rota Legislative Delegation for the island.

Hotel rooms

House floor leader Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan), co-author of the Saipan casino bill that became law, said the casino investor would build the casino "from the ground up."

The casino investor is required by law to build a casino and resort with a minimum of 2,000 guest rooms. The law states that "the purchase of an existing hotel shall not be included in satisfying the requirement of building 2,000 rooms."

Best Sunshine's chief operating officer Terence Tay said they have been continuing to survey available properties on Saipan for the integrated casino resort but declined to say which ones are on the top of their list.

When asked for comment, the governor said the investor may buy a hotel with 400 rooms, for example, but that could only mean they will have a total of 2,400 rooms.

"But the 2,000 rooms are [still] going to be built," Inos said.

CEC anticipates 2,500 absentee voters in Nov. polls

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The Commonwealth Election Commission expects to have 2,500 absentee voters this November elections, which is around the same figure during the 2009 gubernatorial polls, according to CEC executive director Robert A. Guerrero.

In an interview with *Saipan Tribune*, Guerrero said they believe they will come up with the same figure from the 2009 polls, if not more, because of people moving abroad.

He said they also anticipate having the absentee ballots on hand by mid-September.

From there, he said, they will repack the ballots and start sending them to absentee voters.

Guerrero explained that if a voter requests for an absentee ballot, his or her name will be posted on CEC's website, indicating the date when the commission received the request and when the ballot goes out.

"If absentee voters actually respond accordingly, we should receive those ballots on or before election day," he said.

Guerrero said if they don't receive the ballots on or before election day, they're considered untimely and will not be counted.

He said a person must first be a registered voter in order to be an absentee.

Guerrero

He said the law says if a voter thinks that he or she is unable to go to the polling place on election day for reasons such as military, medical, education, employment, and accompanying a member of the household who is engaged in those activities, then he or she is eligible to vote as an absentee.

According to CEC, an absentee ballot application form must be completed and filed by each voter for a scheduled election at least 25 days before an election if done by mail or by the business day prior to the scheduled election day.

Off-island applicants may download the application for absentee voting on CEC's website (www.votecnmi.gov.mp/) and either mail, fax, or email the form to CEC.

This form of submission must be received by the CEC office at least 25 days prior to the scheduled election. Walk-in applicants may submit their application anytime but no later than the business day prior to the scheduled election.

Incentive tariff contract for large customers is nearing completion

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The proposed master Incentive Rate contract that was agreed upon between the regulatory Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission and the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. for large commercial customers is close to being finished, according to CUC executive director Alan Fletcher.

"We're working on that now on the legal side. We're just about done and it is going to the hearing examiner for administrative approval to make sure it fits with the stipulation and the requirements of CPUC," Fletcher told *Saipan Tribune.*

Fletcher said they have the incentive rate in place after the May agreement and they are just finishing of the contract and paperwork, and that CUC is ready to implement the incentive rate.

"We want to get these folks back on the grid and we know we have a couple of large self-producers today that are anxious to come back on the grid and they were waiting for this rate to be approved," he said.

CUC consultant economist.com and CPUC consultant Georgetown Consulting Group signed the joint agreement in May that recommends the implementation of a tariff rider incentive rate that would apply to three classes of commercial customers.

First are existing commercial customers that currently generate 90 percent or more of their annual electric needs and have an installed generation capacity of 400 kW.

Second are commercial customers that expand their existing facility that results in an increased load of 200 kW or greater or expand their hotel by 75 rooms or greater.

Third are new commercial customers with electric generation capacity of 400 kW or greater.

Also included in the experimental tariff are large customers on Tinian and Rota.

Economist.com managing director Robert Young earlier said that the IR tariff represents 8.3 cents per kWh discount from the current commercial rate, which is roughly a 3-cent per kWh base rate on top of the current LEAC.

Young said it represents a reduction or discount in the cost per kWh for incentive rate purchases of about 31 percent from CUC's commercial rate.

Young also said that with the expiration of the "infrastructure surcharge" in January 2015, the incentive rate discount will fall to 25 percent.

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Judge has 'deep concerns' over delays in CUC projects

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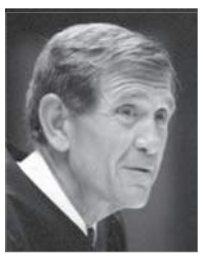
REPORTER

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge David O. Carter has expressed "deep concerns" over the delay in the construction of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s fuel pipeline project.

According to a minute order filed in federal court yesterday, Carter pointed out that the pipeline construction has, at most, only preliminarily started.

The pipeline is an eight-inch aboveground receiving conduit that delivers diesel from the Mobil oil facility to CUC Power Plants 1 and 2 in Lower Base. EPA had stated that until the pipeline is properly repaired or replaced, it poses a threat to U.S. waters.

The pipeline project was initiated in 2010 at a cost of $1.8 million. Due to numerous problems that contributed to the project's delay, the cost ballooned to $6 million this year.


Carter

Carter said the July 17, 2014, report submitted by the U.S. Department of Justice, as counsel for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, indicates that no actionable deadlines can be set because progress is dependent on approval from the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission.

The judge expressed his "deep concerns" about the delays after he received a joint stipulation between CUC and the U.S. government.

In that stipulation, U.S. Department of Justice Environmental Enforcement Section senior attorney Bradley R. O'Brien stated, among other things, that the U.S. government may soon seek an in-person hearing as it continues to lack confidence that CUC will meet the court ordered deadlines for the construction of the pipeline, fuel tank, and other projects.

O'Brien said it is their position that CUC did not begin the pipeline construction on or before July 14, 2014. He believes that the preliminary activities described by CUC in its report do not constitute commencement of the pipeline construction as directed by the court.

On the Tank 102 Project, O'Brien said the U.S. is concerned that CUC has not made sufficient progress.

The tank project involves a 500,000-gallon diesel fuel tank that will replace Tank 010, which has been found to be a source of pollution and is non-repairable.

But in CUC's report, CUC counsel James S. Sirok reported that both the oil pipeline and Tank 102 projects have been moving forward and that the utilities agency continues to take all steps necessary to accomplish these projects.

Carter denied CUC's request to convert the in-person hearing into a video conference, which was originally set for July 28, 2014.

Carter said in order to ensure that all parties have a full and fair opportunity to present their positions on how the projects should proceed, in light of numerous delays, the court will continue the in-person status conference from July 28, 2014, to July 29, 2014, at 7:30am.

The judge ordered the U.S. government and CUC to each send only two representatives to the Ronald Reagan Federal Building and United States Courthouse in Santa Ana, California.

Carter said to the extent their input may be necessary, other staff should be available to connect via teleconference.

Carter said if it is deemed necessary or expedient, the court will hold the next in-person hearing on Saipan, in order to conserve resources and ensure that the people of the CNMI have an opportunity to be heard.

The federal court signed the stipulated orders for CUC in 2009, setting the requirements and deadlines for the utilities agency to meet. The orders represent an agreement between the CNMI and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on how CUC will come into compliance with the requirements of the Clean Air Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Judge dismisses 'ice' case as OAG finds new police report

Camacho

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho has dismissed the case against a man accused of possessing methamphetamine or "ice."

Camacho dismissed without prejudice the case against Vincent Q. Terlaje after the Office of the Attorney General moved to drop the charge of illegal possession of a controlled substance.

Dismissal without prejudice means the OAG can refile the case in the future.

Assistant attorney general James McAllister made an oral motion to dismiss the case against the 35-year-old Terlaje based on the fact that the government obtained a new police report that warrants the dismissal.

According to the first amended information, Terlaje was found in possession of "ice" on Feb. 19, 2014, on Saipan.

Attorney Jennifer Dockter, counsel for Terlaje, has moved to suppress evidence, citing that nothing supports a warrant for the search of drugs at the defendant's residence.

Dockter said the police nonetheless included drugs in the search warrant and unlawfully relied on a K9 Unit to search the house.

The same amended information charged Kyle K. Cabael and Kelvin K. Muna with one count each burglary, theft, and conspiracy over the burglary at Monte Vista Hotel and Restaurant, where cash and several items were stolen from one of the rooms on Feb. 17, 2014. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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Ms. Seman in not new to Sr. Remedios School. She had been a member of the School Board of Directors for years up to the present. Ms. Seman had been a support to the school and a helping hand behind the scene in many ways.

Even though changes may seem hard at times, but changes always mark new beginnings, and this certainly is a new beginning for our children, our school and our families here at Sr. Remedios School.

Man pleads guilty to attacking an elderly man with PVC pipe

A man accused of hitting an elderly man with a PVC pipe and a drum can on the face and head pleaded guilty in Superior Court Wednesday afternoon.

Matt Souneng, 28, pleaded guilty to assault with a dangerous weapon as part of a plea deal.

He will be sentenced on Sept. 19, 2014.

Associate Judge David A. Wiseman ordered the Office of Adult Probation to prepare a pre-sentence investigation.

Assistant attorney general Heather Barcinas appeared for the government. Assistant public defender Eden Schwartz was counsel for Souneng.

The Office of the Attorney General had charged Souneng with assault with a dangerous weapon, aggravated assault and battery, resisting arrest, and two counts of assault and battery.

According to police investigation, the incident happened on Nov. 24, 2013, in Koblerville, when Souneng hit the victim with a PVC pipe on the face outside the latter's house.

The victim ran toward his garage but the suspect threw the pipe, hitting the victim in the back. The victim then grabbed the pipe and chased Souneng, who ran across the road. The suspect then picked up a drum can and hit the victim's head with it. The victim collapsed for a few minutes due to head injuries.

Souneng also allegedly pushed a responding police officer on the chest and resisted being handcuffed. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

JKPL upgrading technological services

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REPORTER

Thanks to an $11,000 donation from the Hyatt Regency Saipan, the Joeten Kiyu Public Library will be upgrading its technological services under its Connect-Ed initiative, according to executive director John Gonzales on Wednesday.

Gonzales said the strategic information and communications technology platform will offer the community added services to advance educational interests.

The public library's ITC coordinator, Omar Manacop, and technical library service technician Rosalyn Ajoste will spearhead the Connect-Ed program.

Gonzales said that Hyatt had told the public library to submit a proposal. He submitted two proposals: the Connect-Ed initiative and the expansion of its Bookmobile program. Hyatt chose Connect-Ed project.

According to Gonzales, Connect-Ed will introduce the community to 21st century technology through a comprehensive video teleconferencing equipment with real-time DSL connectivity to help take advantage of Web-based knowledge advancement.

"This will target not only the young community but also the older generation, and there is a big interest among the *man'amko*," Ajoste said.

She said that Connect-Ed would also connect the Saipan library to the public libraries in Tinian and Rota via teleconferencing or videoconferencing.

Gonzales said they will soon be releasing the request for proposals for the project, and that Manacop will handle the technological placements due to his long years of experience as an ITC.

Gonzales said they will incorporate in the ITC a room where classes can be held.

"People will be more comfortable and we will have a soundproof room," he said.

Gonzales said they want the project to be an "action research pilot project" that will used to beta test a digital village that the library plans to build.

"We are going to use this in order to write a grant next year for our multi-million digital village project," Gonzales said.

Hospital reopens its dental clinic

The dental clinic at the Commonwealth Health Center has reopened and is now ready to serve the public. The dental clinic is open from Monday to Friday from 7:30am to 4:30pm.

According to Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. chief executive officer Esther Muña, the clinic provides preventive and curative services.

"Services that fall under preventive care are oral examinations, prophylaxis, X rays, fluoride varnish, and sealant applications. Services that fall under curative care are filings, extractions, root canal therapy, and gum therapy," Muña said.

Muña said the clinic has one dentist, Dr. Adam J. Gentry, and three dental assistants.

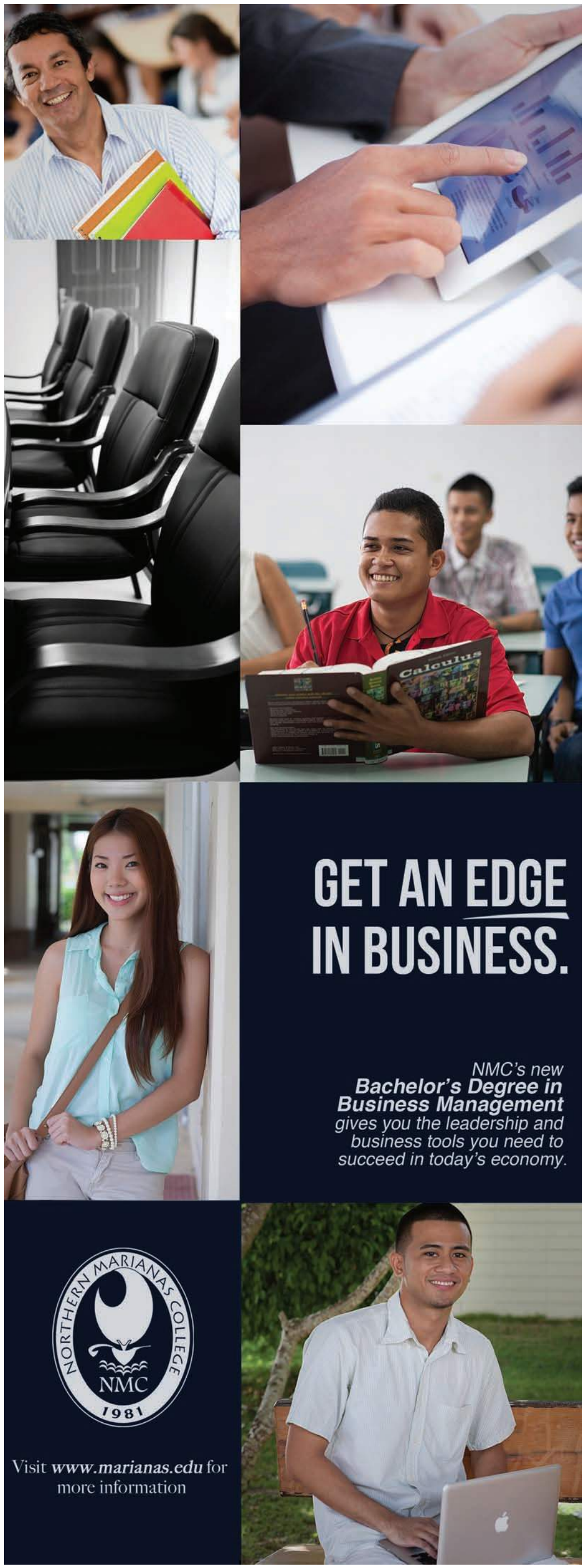
The clinic's reopening was made possible by a Health Resources and Services Administration grant.

For now, Medicaid is the only insurance provider that is being accepted at the clinic, Muña said.

"The provider agreement with Staywell Insurance is still being reviewed. Also the clinic is planning in the near future to have a sliding fee scale program to assist patients who have difficulty paying for dental services," Muña said.

She said the clinic's revenue is averaging about $15,000 a month in Medicaid claims alone. ***(Jayson Camacho)***

MAEDA ON THE MOVE CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Maeda president Tom Nielsen, left, and engineer Jojo Saracho, right, welcome Maeda Road Construction of Japan vice president Kanji Suzuki and managing director Ryozo Imaeda at the Saipan International Airport. Suzuki and Imaeda inspected the various ongoing project sites of Maeda during their stay before flying to Guam.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OVR counselors to hold outreach in Koblerville tomorrow

On July 26, Saturday, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation counselors will be making their way to the Koblerville Youth Learning Center to conduct orientation, do intake, and entertain applications for vocational rehabilitation services. This outreach event will take place from 9am to 12pm.

Individuals interested in applying for vocational rehabilitation services are encouraged to take advantage of this outreach activity. Normally, orientation and intakes are conducted at the OVR office on Navy Hill on Tuesdays at 9am. However, in an effort to make available and accessible services to unserved or underserved populations, OVR has implemented a new initiative whereby counselors will be dispatched to distant villages on Saipan to do outreach and intake every month.

According to OVR and the State Rehabilitation Council's newly-released comprehensive statewide needs assessment final report, "The distant villages [on] Saipan were also consistently identified as being underserved. Outreach to these villages has been limited in the past due to their distance and the limited number of OVR staff to do this kind of outreach. Conversely, potential consumers that live in the distant villages [on] Saipan do not travel to the OVR office, contributing to the limited number of people being served in these areas."

An applicant is eligible for vocational rehabilitation services if the individual: 1) is an individual with a disability, and; 2) has a physical or mental impairment which for such individual constitutes or results in a substantial impediment to employment and can benefit in terms of an employment outcome from vocational rehabilitation services, and; 3) requires vocational rehabilitation services to prepare for, secure, or retain employment; and 4) has legal status to allow employment in the CNMI or U.S.

OVR is indebted to the following individuals/organization(s) for their logistical support for the upcoming July 26 outreach at the Koblerville Youth Learning Center: Diana T. Camacho, Ayuda Network executive director & SRC fiscal officer; Michael C. Manglona, special assistant for Youth Affairs, Office of the Governor; and Vernon I. Manglona, acting Koblerville Youth Learning Center program coordinator

The Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority provides transportation services for a standard fee of $5 per person per ride with a discounted price of $3 per ride for persons with disabilities and the elderly age 55 and over. Please schedule your ride in advance by calling COTA at 664-2690.

For more information about the outreach activity or OVR's programs and services, contact OVR at (670) 322-6537/8; TTY: (670) 322-6449; fax: (670) 322-6536; email: nmidir@ovrgov.net; or P.O. Box 501521 Saipan, MP 96950. ***(OVR)***

WICHE info session on July 30

The Northern Marianas College will be hosting an information session next Wednesday for those interested in learning more about the Western Interstate Commerce for Higher Education and the programs that it administers for college students.

The information session will be held from 5:30pm to 6:30pm in Room D1 (across NMC Bookstore) on Wednesday, July 30, 2014. There is no fee to participate in the session.

The Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education is a regional organization that, until recently, had 15 member states: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. The CNMI became the 16th member of WICHE last year with support from the CNMI governor and members of the Legislature.

The organization works to improve access to higher education and ensure student success.

Among other benefits, membership in WICHE allows CNMI students who are pursuing their college degree to be eligible for reduced tuition rates at two- and four-year public postsecondary institutions like California State University, University of Nevada in Las Vegas, Boise State University, Washing State University, and other universities and colleges in the western U.S.

For graduate students (those pursuing a master's or doctorate degree), WICHE's "Western Regional Graduate Program" enables students to enroll in more than 250 graduate programs and pay the resident tuition rate, instead of the nonresident rate that an out-of-state student would normally pay.

For more information about WICHE or the planned information session, contact Christine Inos at 237-6782 or email christine.inos@marianas.edu. ***(NMC)***

USS Halsey makes Guam port call

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Sailors from the Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer USS Halsey interact with students during a community relations event at Inarajan Elementary School in Inarajan, Guam on July 18.

INARAJAN, Guam—Sailors from the Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer USS *Halsey* (DDG 97) volunteered at Inarajan Elementary School in Inarajan, Guam, on July 18.

Halsey made a port call to the island after departing their homeport in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, for a deployment to the U.S. 7th Fleet's area of responsibility.

"Whenever the sailors come, they're somewhat of a treat to the students," said summer school coordinator Jackysha Green. "They provide [students] insight as to their occupation and what they do to serve as military members and they're always gracious to help the kids in any manner."

Sailors discussed their careers with students, helped them with math problems, and sat down to learn more about their hobbies and what they want to be when they get older.

"I think they'll take out of it that they can be whatever they want to be," said Seaman Operations Specialist Ashlyn Millsparker. "Seeing us come out and helping people they might want to help people too when they get older."

Green shared Millsparker's sentiments and thanked the Navy for their support of the students.

"The community is aware that they're here for us, they're here to protect us and provide for us opportunities as far as helping us in various needs that we may have," she said. "I'd like to share my sincere appreciation for the Sailors coming down and sharing their experiences with our students.

Sailors also volunteered at a community cleanup with the non-profit organization Island Girl Power and helped care for misplaced pets at the local animal shelter Guam Animals in Need. ***(Joint Region Marianas Public Affairs Office)***

Joeten Motors donates 2014 Ford Fiesta for TOC hole-in-one prize

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Joeten Motors representatives presented the company's donation of a 2014 Ford Fiesta that will be featured as a hole in one prize for the 2014 Tournament of Champions on Aug. 2 and 3. Front of vehicle: Matt Deets, Marida Pensader, and Ben Babauta. Behind the vehicle, from left to right: Travis Hix, Peter Tenorio, Jack Salas, Mark Moss, Marie Sablan, Elna Tighe, and Joseph Cabrera.

The upcoming 19th Annual Tournament of Champions just got more exciting with Joeten Motors' donation of a brand new 2014 Ford Fiesta as a hole-in-one prize. With this contribution, the tournament will now be featuring three different vehicles as hole-in-one prizes.

"The Tournament of Champions continues to raise funds that significantly benefit the CNMI community," said Matthew Deets, general manager of Joeten Motors. "We are proud to be part of this year's tournament again with our company's hole-in-one prize contribution of a vehicle that's known for its contemporary style and state-of-the-art technology."

"Joeten Motors has consistently been a part of the success of the Tournament of Champions and we are glad the company is joining us this year as a gold sponsor again," said tournament director Ben Babauta.

The 19th Annual Tournament of Champions will be played at the LaoLao Bay Golf and Resort's East and West Courses on Aug. 2 and 3. The two-day event is bigger and better than ever with exciting hole-in-one prizes and the chance to win thousands of dollars in possible prizes. The TOC tournament fee is $185.

First place winners in the Men's Championship, A, B, C, Senior and Super Senior Flights will each receive $500 cash, $400 for second, $300 for third, a digital camera to fourth, and $100 DFS gift certificate for fifth place. The Ladies Low Gross champion will receive $500, $400 for second, and $300 for third place. The first, second, and third place winners of the Ladies Low Net will receive a trophy.

There will be hundreds of thousands worth of prizes that will be at stake in the two-day tournament, including hole-in-one prizes that include various vehicles donated by Triple J Motors and Atkins Kroll. Saipan Laolao Golf & Resort is also offering one year of free golf as another hole-in-one prize as well.

The tournament will also be featuring $1,000 cash prizes for closest to pin competitions.

Since its inception, TOC has given over $700,000 to the Saipan Beautification Fund which has gone directly to the improvements of the tree-lined traffic medians that stretch from Garapan to the former Palm Resort Saipan, as well as the revitalization of the Garapan special district. In addition, TOC also contributed funds for the Paseo de Marianas, the lighting of the Saipan Beach Pathway, and most recently the beautification of the Port to Park pathway.

"We are proud of our continued commitment to enhance the beauty of Saipan for our tourists and residents," Babauta said. "It is the generous support of our golfers, sponsors and committee members that make this event possible."

For more information about sponsorship opportunities for the 2014 TOC, contact Babauta at 483-2563 or Marida Pensader at 236-2530. ***(TOC)***

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Keep the oceans clean

The Obama administration's decision to allow seismic searches for oil and gas deposits in the Atlantic Ocean from Delaware to mid-Florida should arouse deep concern among environmental activists.

It's no surprise that the administration buried the announcement at the onset of the weekend, when the White House customarily prefers to release bad news. It came late on Friday, amid a torrent of ominous developments in Ukraine and Gaza.

Seismic searches in the deep are not good for the denizens of the ocean or their caretakers, so the administration may well have hoped few would notice. The timing suggests officials are well aware that the decision will justifiably arouse the wrath of environmental activists because it carries the potential to cause great harm to the ocean environment.

The decision was clothed in language designed to show sensitivity to these concerns. In a written statement, Walter D. Cruickshank, acting director of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, said: "The bureau's decision reflects a carefully analyzed and balanced approach that will allow us to increase our understanding of potential offshore resources while protecting the human, marine and coastal environments."

The potential payoff is huge. Geologists believe 1.9 billion barrels of oil and 21.4 trillion cubic feet of natural gas could be recovered off the mid- and south Atlantic coast. But those estimates are based on less sophisticated surveys done three decades ago. The White House justified the decision by saying those surveys need to be updated.

Despite the administration's precautions, the "dynamite-like" seismic testing cited by environmentalists could injure fish, whales and other marine mammals. This sort of testing is usually a precursor to actual drilling, though that would require a significant process of permitting. Still, the decision is worrisome.

U.S. Sen. Ben Cardin, a Maryland Democrat who chairs the Senate's Environment and Public Works Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife, objected to the move. "The mid-Atlantic is just too environmentally sensitive for drilling," he said. "I urge the administration to reconsider its plans."

The administration says this is just about updating geological tracts under the ocean. We hope they're sincere. But let's get real. The mere thought of all that potential revenue in the deep makes petroleum executives salivate. They've been wanting to drill in the ocean for years. In fact, the administration was preparing to hold a lease sale off the Virginia coast in 2010 but canceled it because of the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Let's hope it doesn't take another disaster to make the administration regret last week's decision.

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A seven-year itch of writing

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Beginning this year, I am resolved to write 10 pieces of literary outputs, quitting on the seventh year when they might be widely shared.

The image of the "seven-year itch" comes from a movie where the psychological insight that the passion on anything, particularly in marriage, wanes after the seventh year. This would be a psycho-interest span akin to the attention span we use in classrooms. Statisticians point out that the current mean time for marital divorces hover at the 7.2 to 7.4 years.

While used here as a metaphor, it is also going to be looked at as a chronological marker. At the start of 2014, I started the venture of memoir writing, the first being a bio-profile draft for my grandchildren in case they wish to know more about their "other grandpa" when they grow older. Though very limited in circulation, I have gotten word of caution about the use of actual names since the "letting-it-all-hang-out" tone of the narrative does not fit well with those who wish to keep their privacy away from reach to those who might consider possible abuse and harm.

However, it gives me a time frame of when I will definitely desist from laying my fingers on the laptop's keyboard, and say, "I'm done." To date, there really had not been anything "missional" about our wordsmithing. Good friend Jun at BoE once commented that the reason Jaime writes the way he does is so that BoE members are encouraged to use their dictionaries more often. That was a good cover for the deficiencies in our syntactical and vocabulary tableaus. It also means, however, that though we think we are serious, we should be taken with a fizz of seltzer!

The Torah has Ten Commandments, 10 being a convenient number and tool to recall anything, and there being (usually) 10 digits on one's hands and feet. On my Seven-Year Itch, I aim to write in some format of writing-made-easy so others can do likewise. My bio-profile got the ball rolling. Here's a targeted list:

I ***'Sang Pinoy*** tatak ordinaryo ***j'aime la vie*** for my grandchildren on my 86 years of existence;

II ***Pinoy sa Puso*** is on the affairs of the heart and other places, a TY "to all the girls I've known before";

III ***Pinoy Saipan*** chronicles life with the United Methodist Church on Saipan, being part of STaRPO (Saipan, Tinian and Rota Parent Organization), our writing stint in the Opinion section of the *Saipan Tribune* and 10-years of lounging with an imaginal beer by Saipan's lagoon;

IV ***Pinoy SVES*** is a journey through the art & discipline of pedagogical maintenance (no relations to *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance*) with PSS and San Vicente Elementary School;

V ***Pinoy Chinoy*** recalls travels to Sichuan, Chung Qing, Manzhouli, Yanji, Lhasa, and Urmuqi, the last place two places still on hold being a foreigner not allowed in those places until the foreign affairs office feels that political stability is restored;

VI ***WangZhimu***, James V in Zhonghua, is the imaginal Journey on the famed trail of Santiago de Compostela, once a distinct physical possibility but now kept only as a fertile romp in the mind;

VII ***La Liga Ekumenika*** details my participation in church renewal post-Vatican II before the institutions of Christendom kicked the bucket, along with my tepid efforts in the field of human development and spirit life, EI/ICA/O:E version (Ecumenical Institute, Institute of Cultural Affairs, Order:Ecumenical);

VIII ***Pinoy Hemingwei*** is a personal journey of meaning and oblivion, a womb-to-tomb introspection reminiscent of but not patterned after Ernest's "the old man and the sea";

IX ***Pinoy englisCHe*** is oral English pedagogy with CH as "Chinese characteristics" issued as an expanding notebook for anyone wishing to improve their spoken English; and finally,

X ***Pinoy Journal*** collects 366 quotes for 366 days (written on and for a leap year) with 366 world-wise and street-smart reflections.

Obviously, the above list is a projection subject to change in the next seven years. If you can bear with our literary neuroses and idiosyncrasies, it will be fun to journey together. You might consider getting out that tablet and start hacking your own, in words and/or pictures, one-page, one-year, at a time. Curious on the current state of mine, send me an email.

One can begin this week with how we process the news of the downed MH17 in Ukraine. My first response was, why was it flying off course, and why do the media keep referring to it being downed near the Russian border when it was clearly downed in Ukraine far from the Russian border? And if Obama, the Pentagon, NATO, and EU appear helpless to influence the course of events, what makes them think Putin can? One can use this as a practice run on describing the facticity of the event, my emotional response to it, the cognitive conclusions my intelligence arrived at, and the decisions I make as a consequence.

I made this reflection in the eerie atmosphere of flying from Canada to China on the weekend via Air Canada and Air China, just as Typhoon Rammosun (Glenda in the Philippines) raged in the Philippines and ravaged Hainan and Guangdong. Am still around.

Wisdom for another summer

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It always feels like summer on Saipan, which makes the "summer reading season" seem like a hollow phrase. But still, it doesn't get more summer than July. Summertime is traditionally vacation time, and vacation time is a chance to catch up on some reading. It's been a topic of discussion among my peers as we've compared notes on what's worth reading these days. None of us have found any new fare worth mentioning. So I've reached for a few old favorites.

I'm therefore going to note three books that I've mentioned in past years. These are, 1) Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance, by Robert Pirsig; 2) Fooled by Randomness: The Hidden Role of Chance in Life and in the Markets, by Nassim Nicholas Taleb; and 3) Antifragile: Things That Gain from Disorder, also by Nassim Nicholas Taleb.

Various editions of these books are in print, so I'll skip page counts or pricing data. All three are easily available in paperback and they're all very inexpensive.

If you enjoy slumming around my beach chair with me and my motley pals, then I think you'd find these books of interest.

All of these books enable us to think about things in ways that allow us to make better decisions.

As for Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance, it's the grand old man of the bunch, having hit the stands in 1974. From what I've seen, this book has been the most visible force in introducing some Eastern wisdom to a general American audience.

The book uses the tale of a cross-country motorcycle ride to introduce some useful philosophical ideas. Hey, there's nothing more American than a road trip, so you know you're on solid ground right there. There's really no use in saying too much more about it, since the idea of a motorcycle-based inquiry into some Zen ideas either interests you or it doesn't interest you.

But I will note that the book is a long-standing favorite with my pals who are professional pilots. And, in fact, when I worked as a flight instructor, I recommended it to my students because it presents an outlook that enhances clear thinking, proper preparation, and respect for the natural forces that are in play.

When it comes to natural forces, one of the biggest of all, and one of the least understood, is randomness. Which, of course, brings me to the second title on my list, Fooled by Randomness.

The title pretty much says it all; it's about the nature of randomness, and how people misread it.

A great deal of this context is financial, concerning stocks, markets, and so on. Still, the book is simple, clear, and written for a general readership. And even if you have a rigorous background in probability and statistics, this book is still useful, since it articulates the types of mistakes that you see all the time, which gives you a better insight into how people remain so clueless about this realm. Anyone who doesn't think the world is laden with surprises, chance, and risks hasn't read a newspaper lately.

Risk is a pretty heavy topic, and we're getting into more substantial fare here, which leads us to an extremely substantial book, Antifragile.

If you're someone who thinks in terms of risks, probabilities, outcomes, and strategy, then this is a compelling book. Well, it's more than compelling, it's one of the great books of recent decades.

I'm going to do a cut-and-paste job from the Amazon description: "Just as human bones get stronger when subjected to stress and tension...many things in life benefit from stress, disorder, volatility, and turmoil. What Taleb has identified and calls 'antifragile' is that category of things that not only gain from chaos but need it in order to survive and flourish."

That's true enough. But it's merely one slice of a far bigger pie. There's a lot worth heeding in this book.

On a broader note, I am constantly paring down, not building up, my library. Furthermore, I rarely read just for the sake of reading. So I am not disappointed that my friends and I couldn't find any "must reads" for the summer. To the contrary, it reinforces my appreciation of some old favorites. I hope that some of you will appreciate them, too.

DJEE doubtful of CUC's competency

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
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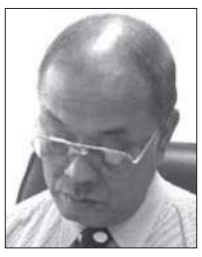

CUC's competency to meet court ordered deadlines for the construction of tank, pipeline, and other projects came under scorching fire recently by the U.S. Department of Justice Environmental Enforcement Section's senior attorney.

It was disclosed that the cost of Tank 102 project has increased by about $1 million, the pipeline has ballooned from $1.8 million to $6 million (now about $7 million) due to numerous problems.

DJEES senior attorney Bradley R. O'Brien said, "The U.S. government might soon seek an in-person hearing as it continues to lack confidence that CUC will meet the court ordered deadlines."

The utility agency has hidden behind the veil of continued emergency declarations that obviously clouds transparency in day-to-day operations.

The lack of transparency obviates the dire need to halt any further projects dealing with fully integrated energy solution. With CUC's track record, there's no gain for consumers over the short and long-term except cripple everyone as a result of the lack of technical expertise to oversee performance and execution. Definitely, it results in ballooning cost overruns by the millions of dollars!

Moreover, it seems the Tano Group is a silver lining working on a simple pipeline project for some five years since inception so cleverly tailored to keeping existing and outdated diesel generation infrastructure at Lower Base operational. This project is rendered moot or useless by the 100 percent plan on renewable energy.

Sad that the EPA and other federal agencies have lost confidence in our "banana republic," struggling to tackle issues under the dark clouds of corruption misappropriating scarce resources through patch-up jobs over the more fully thought-out process.

Alan Fletcher's politics of self-preservation and fully honed flip-flops have reached their limit of elasticity and must necessarily buckle down to slamming his two costly projects forthwith. Why would Fletcher want to waste millions of dollars derived from the backbreaking work of hardworking U.S. and local taxpayers?

DJEES must send in its inspector general and halt all projects including renewable energy until it could take critical ocular review of CUC's performance in order to stop the bleeding of cost overruns of no benefit whatsoever to end users and taxpayers. This must be done forthwith!

Authority to appropriate

Certain provisions of the NMI Constitution seem anomalous. It simply means these provisions deviate from what is standard in the way things are done.

For instance, the one single authority the Legislature has is control of the purse or disposition via appropriation of NMI resources. Yet there's the earmarking of funds via constitutional provision for certain agencies exempted from budgetary review. Isn't the emasculation of fiscal disposition of resources by future legislatures unconstitutional? Who then protects taxpayers from undisciplined expenditure of scarce public funds?

How warped a request by PSS for an increase from 15 to 25 percent of NMI resources. The failure of 90 percent of public school students who recently took the entrance exam at NMC begs the question: more money for personnel and administration? What about the education of our students so they don't have to take remedial courses at NMC for lack of skills in math and English?

When 90 percent failure rate pops up, it's a tale that there is a parade of anomalies that PSS must buckle down to resolve. Is the missing link in the qualifications and quality of instructors? Or is it the students themselves who must have been quietly issued social promotions? Isn't this an injustice for students where the genesis of failure is founded in their high school education? PSS must solve this serious anomaly forthwith!

Indeed, I can understand the suspicion of an inept Legislature but such view doesn't change the fact that control of the purse is rightfully the purview of the Legislature, specifically, the House of Representatives. This must be guarded thoroughly!

Disoriented affairs

There are too many "affairs" in government from indigenous, Carolinian, women's and others nearby. A close scrutiny would reveal that their individual roles and functions overlap rather than complement each other. This scenario is itself a tale of how disorganized we are when it comes to serious issues pertaining to the advancement of the indigenous people.

I'm not talking empty and contradictory speeches that we see spouted then instantly ignored. It's the absence of realistic programs at least for the younger folks, e.g., introductory to entrepreneurship. The goal is to start them early in order to guide them away from "everything is government" mindset into being their own industrious bosses.

I've seen some of our young folks engage in businesses on their own. You know them by the sweat on their foreheads, sweaty raggedy shirts, or one leg of their pants rolled up just so he could move stuff from the truck. And they tirelessly work 18-hour workdays, six days a week. Tattooed on their sweat-laden faces is the word "success." They simply refuse to don Sears Roebuck or JC Penny ties! You see their invisible ties in their faces of determination.

The lack of an overall comprehensive socio-economic plan with real vision does nothing but force the usual left hand not knowing what the right hand is doing. A desk audit of all agencies ought to further reveal a huge redundancy among agencies. No wonder the bloated payroll!

There are ways to reinvent the wheel of help to redirect the "everything is government" mantra sinking pitifully in the sea of *mañana* at the expense of our young people. This must change!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thank you, Wang Guolong

Wang is absolutely right. The 50 or so old NMDs that have run the CNMI since 1978 don't seem to realize how many of you there are here. They all wear "the emperor's new clothes" and one day soon, some little kid is going to tell them they are indeed naked.

To those who control everything, remember, you have never built anything yourself. Everything in the CNMI was built by CWs. At least a lot of the Carolinians built their own houses with their own hands, not small, just right. But the rich 50 have never soiled their hands on anything other than dirty money.

What the rich need to understand is that 99 percent of the hardworking local NMDs, U.S. citizens, CWs, and former TT residents don't really care about politics. They just want a decent life, things that work, medical care when needed, enough money to raise their family, and have a beer and barbecue on the weekend. They don't care who is in charge as long as they are treated with dignity and respect, something you guys need to work on.

What if a spaceship takes all of our 31 leaders?

If aliens from outer space zapped our governor and lieutenant governor and all the House and Senate members up into their spaceship and zipped them away to a faraway planet, most of us wouldn't even know it for a few days, I'm sure. Power would stay on, you could get in the hospital, apply for a driver's license, and the grass would still be cut. It's our hardworking people that really keep the government running, not those 31 people on the hill.

Getting old used to mean you got wiser but the 50 or so leaders that run everything haven't kept up. Today it just means you try to get richer and get more stuff than your neighbor, who you probably don't even know. Even religion has gotten competitive. Used to be a couple, now there are 20 vying for your soul and your money.

Speaking of leaders, I saw a new giant sign today across the street from Payless market. Bruce Iglacias is running for the Legislature and, like everyone else running, at least on all the signs along the roads, he offers not one single reason for us to vote for him. He, and everyone else on every sign, on every roadway, doesn't give us a website to visit to find out who he is, what he is, or what he will do for us. Bruce does have a Facebook page but nothing on it helps us understand who he is. Don't vote for him, or anyone else, unless they give us good reasons too, before Election Day.

Get smart. Use the $11K wisely.

Thanks Hyatt, it's a nice gesture but what JKPL really needs to do is buy 150 touch screen tablets with that $11,000, not more outdated computers. JKPL could put in a couple more routers with increased capabilities and, voila, 150 people a day could hook up. Tablets let people 'FaceTime', explore, study, write, email, take pictures, make videos to upload to YouTube and use over 50,000 free apps. JKPL might even "lend" them out like they do books. We need to get over this notion of computers. Touch screen tablets are computers now and really good ones are available for about $70 each. JKPL, please "get smart," its 2014.

Gary DuBrall
Chalan Piao, Saipan

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.
▲88° ▼79°

SATURDAY
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph.
▲87° ▼79°

SUNDAY
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.
▲86° ▼79°

MONDAY
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.
▲87° ▼79°

TUESDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.
▲87° ▼79°

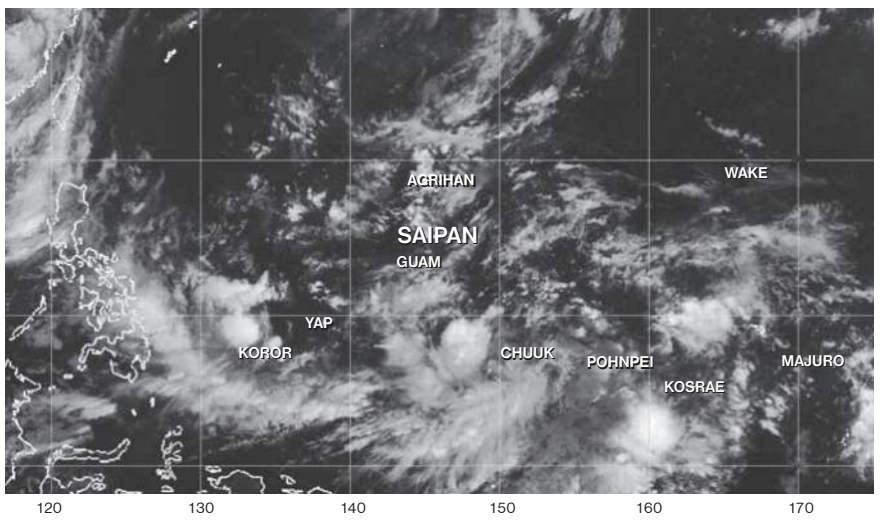
Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼78
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲80	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼80
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲81	▼79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼80
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼80
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲81	▼79

Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲56	▼45
Beijing	Sunny	▲93	▼70
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲87	▼80
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼75
London	Showers	▲78	▼63
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲95	▼70
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼76
Melbourne	Showers	▲59	▼48
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲88	▼78
New York	Mostly Cloudy	▲82	▼65
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲97	▼77
Paris	Mostly Sunny	▲80	▼64
Pusan	Thunderstorms	▲80	▼75
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲84	▼70
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲75	▼52
San Francisco	Sunny	▲76	▼59
Seoul	Rain	▲85	▼74
Tokyo	Sunny	▲91	▼76
Washington, DC	Showers	▲81	▼67

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2014
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Upper-level divergence is triggering isolated thunderstorms near the CNMI and Minami Tori Shima between 15N and 24N from 136E to 156E. A monsoon trough extends southeastward from the Philippine Sea through 12N130E to a circulation centered northwest of Koror near 10N134E. It then continues eastward through another circulation centered west of Weno Island in Chuuk state to a third circulation centered north of Kosrae near 9N163E and finally turns southeastward to end at EQ165E. Scattered showers and thunderstorms are occurring south of the trough or south of Koror within 90 miles of a line from 8N130E to 5N133E to 5N141E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are seen near the first circulation northwest of Koror within 75 miles of a line from 8N133E to 12N133E. Similar conditions are also found near the second circulation south of Guam and southwest of Chuuk within 190 miles of a line from 12N144E to 1N151E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are present near the southeastern end of trough or south of Pohnpei and Kosrae between the equator and 4N from 159E to 167E. Similar weather is also evident near the third circulation within 90 miles of a line from 9N163E to 12N168E and farther northeast between 13N and 17N from 164E to 172E. A trade-wind disturbance is causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms southeast of Majuro or east of a line from EQ174E to 8N173E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

1:39 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet
6:36 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
2:06 PM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.2 Feet
9:04 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:57 AM	6:49 PM
Saturday	5:58 AM	6:49 PM
Sunday	5:58 AM	6:49 PM
Monday	5:58 AM	6:49 PM
Tuesday	5:59 AM	6:48 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	4:20 AM	5:25 PM
Saturday	5:09 AM	6:09 PM
Sunday	5:58 AM	6:52 PM
Monday	6:46 AM	7:32 PM
Tuesday	7:33 AM	8:11 PM

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UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	6, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	6, 7

SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

DL287	6:05am	11:15pm	2, 6 via NRT

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:35am	1, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
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OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	1, 3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764A	3:30am	7:30am	4, 7
MU764	4:00am	8:00am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

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UA5038/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

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UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 5
UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm	1, 5
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UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm	1, 5

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm	2, 4

PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN

DL298	4:30am	3:00pm	3, 7 via NRT

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763A	6:50pm	2:30am+1	3, 6
MU763	7:20am	3:00am+1	4, 7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

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DL172/288	7:55am	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

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OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
D28008	6:05pm	1:20am+1	May 18, 22, 27, June 1, 5, 10, 15, 19, 24, 29, July 3, 8, 13, 17, 22, 27, 31
UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5039	9:55pm	2:00pm+1	5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5038	9:55pm	2:50pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The weeds and wheat of our politics

I listened this past Sunday as the priest told us a parable about wheat and weeds growing together to illustrate that God has pre-warned us that good and evil will co-exist in our society as we see weeds growing with the wheat but can't be killed or separate the weeds from the wheat until the harvest. I used to teach my students the same lesson with different subject matter and it was so comforting to know my teachings were confirmed by the priest. If everyone took an active interest in fixing the many evils in our society we could fix the CNMI and the world. The sad part is evil is right there in front of our eyes like weeds with the wheat but some people think the evil is OK and even good. They use the pathetic rationale that this casino evil has been accepted in other places and it's the only thing that can save us. We want our 25 percent now; to hell with principles and other voters!

I would tell my students that we all have a niche/calling or genuine concern for something in our society that is being adversely affected (by weeds). But if everyone picks their niche to make things better we could make the CNMI a better place. Just think, it was God and the church who changed America and the world in the civil rights movement using Dr. King as God's standard bearer. Your niche may be for education, health care, the environment, public safety, or almost anything in society but if you don't act on doing something about your niche, you are more than likely not doing anything to help your fellow man who is growing next to you being chocked to death by the weeds. I hope the governor's and Clyde's retirees are getting this gospel truth!

But the wisdom of the wheat and weeds (good and evil) is not limited to the parables in Church as we the people of America were also educated in the Federalist Papers about the two keys for a good government. The church and the founders of America realized that citizens only need to do two things to make sure we have a good and accountable government of, for, and by the people. Citizens only need to be informed on the many issues facing society, especially the issues full of weeds (like the casino) and for citizens to be active in fighting these evils by getting rid of the weeds (like I am trying to do with the casino). Good and evil will forever co-exist and be in a confrontation but we can't let evil win just because evil is growing wild and making the most noise while religious people sit on the sidelines quietly looking at evil win on Monday. Our priest and the founders of America are telling us all to be more informed and more active citizens at all levels and in every aspect of our life, including our politics!

The division between church and state only means what it says in the Bible, "*Render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's and unto God that which is God,"* so we don't have to be one-sided in our approach to life. The church can't cross the political demarcation line between church and state but we the people are literally being told in church to do something about corruption in our government and our sad economic state of affairs. I just pray everyone got the message on wheat and weeds as the church can't tell you what to do politically but I can! So vote for someone who is honest and you can trust to be our governor first and foremost and get rid of the weeds for a new and better crop!

I know some people don't like me bringing God into this but like I keep saying, if we can pray for our government on Sunday, we can certainly do something about our prayers on Monday. I also invoke God and what is right because I realized something a very long time ago when I saw the banners of prejudice and inequality unfurled by leaders who stereotyped and promoted discrimination by law and segregated the people and their rights into a three-tier social imperialist class system

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Stand strong!

I admire the resilience of our Chamorro and Carolinian people in these trying times. I, myself, at times get into difficult situations. I guess we were raised to withstand the harshest of circumstances. If you say you weren't affected, then I admire you for your honesty of being in denial.

Moving on, no one ever said life would be easy. Somehow we could all make it work even with just an ounce of faith. To ease the pain, I always tell people to look into the song *Keep It Real* from reggae-star Shaggy who said in his first verse on the last three lines, "No matter how you're sad and blue, there's always someone who has it worse than you. Sometimes you gotta pay your dues so don't worry just push on through." I always share this with people with stories of medical referrals or unemployment. Then I see that it gives them a little bit of hope and a different look at life.

Moving forward, the economy is nowhere to getting better and promises are usually meant to be broken after any election. I guess we just have to live and think positive even if it's the same old tune. I always say that these are the challenges that come with life's heaven-sent package. You think? Always hoped for all to be temporary or I don't know what else we would do.

Several letters ago, I wrote that the hardships we face is called a "tropical depression" of this generation in reminiscent of the Great Depression of the '30s to the '40s. Hope history would never repeat such despair. Perhaps we are bound for that future after the general elections if we continue to be ignorant to knowing who should lead the government.

Moving forward, we are so very fortunate to have a roof over our heads, cloth on our backs, and the help of our neighbors in times of need. I hope that this coming election, you are able to choose the leaders who actually know poverty inside and out. It's not always the government that needs resuscitation but to bring hope back to its people for a better tomorrow. Working cohesively with the people is not so hard to do. Just never knew why this can't come to fruition when the selected elite sit on Jan. 12.

We need leaders who understand the way you eat, sleep, and think. Notice the progress from the hill? Our roads only gets fixed and partial payments of land compensation will be paid out or any pet projects entertained nearing election time. Only wish this can happen more often than not. Stand strong and live free!

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NMC launches On-the-Job-Training program

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On-the-job trainee Leona Nakazato, left, poses for a photo with Herman's Modern Bakery cake decorator Albert Umali , center, and general manager Annie Hayes. Nakazato is receiving training and guidance on cookie decorating and other pastry making methods. The OJT program is part of the Northern Marianas College's workforce development initiatives led by NMC's Community Development Institute.

Northern Marianas College's Workforce Development and Apprenticeship Program under the Community Development Institute is entering the third phase of its training program, On-the-Job-Training, to provide apprentices training for new jobs.

Trainees who have completed Phase 1: "Basic Work Skills" and Phase 2: "Computer Literacy Training" are now gearing up to undergo the next phase of their training, which involves hands-on "On the Job Training" with participating businesses on Saipan.

The training is geared to help individuals acquire direct work experience, learn new skills sets, increase self-confidence on the job, and re-enter the job market in positions where there are employment needs to be filled, said Colleen Fleming, who has been coordinating the program.

It is also hoped that upon completion of the third phase of the OJT, trainees will be hired by the respective employer or considered for future employment. Employers that have partnered with the Northern Marianas College to participate in the training include Hard Rock Café, 360 Restaurant, Herman's Modern Bakery, Coral Ocean Point, and Pacific Islands Club.

Participating OJT trainees were recruited from those who took part in Phases 1 and 2, and were required to create an effective job resume and to complete the Kuder Journey Career Assessment, an online assessment of the trainee's possible career paths. Trainees will also obtain the Food Handler & Safety Certification, administered by the Bureau of Environmental Health, prior to working at the job site. CDI has also partnered up with the CNMI Office of Transit Authority to provide transportation to get to the job-training site.

"We will continue to step up the programs that prepare our workforce for meaningful jobs," said NMC president Dr. Sharon Y. Hart. "We are really excited to be expanding our workforce development initiatives to meet the labor force needs of the CNMI."

"We are thankful to companies like Herman's Modern Bakery, 360 Restaurant, and the Pacific Islands Club who are partnering with NMC to help train our workforce," Hart added.

For more information, contact NMC – CDI at 237-6802/6764/6808. ***(NMC)***

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based on race (Locals at the top followed by mainlanders and alien workers at the bottom). I knew then the people and the Commonwealth needed some divine intervention like we needed in the civil rights movement to overcome segregation. The fact that some locals still don't like me because I'm considered an outsider is proof that we still have a racial problem, especially when my predictions and solutions are clearly better than the governor's.

Ambrose M Bennett
Kagman, Saipan

Affordable Care Act programs close doors

Following news of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services administration's decision to reassess the applicability of the Affordable Care Act in the CNMI and other insular territories, the Consumer Assistance Program and Rate Review Office announced the closure of their offices due to the loss of federal funds. Both programs were funded exclusively by federal grant money that must now be returned to the federal government.

In a July 16 letter addressed to Insurance Commissioner Sixto K. Igisomar, CMS ordered that "all unspent grant funding must be returned to CMS, because the interpretation of the law making the territories eligible to expend such funds is no longer in place."

Although some parts of the law still do apply, updated guidance for health insurance issuers and employers has yet to be disclosed, though Igisomar expects that this news will allow enough leniency for insurance issuers to begin accepting new applicants into health care coverage soon.

Three staff members at the Department of Commerce are affected by the loss of funding and closure of programs. CAP advocacy officer Kaitlyn Neises is disappointed that the 1-year-old program she helped to establish will disappear.

"It's unfortunate that our funding was cut just as we were becoming a trusted source of information and assistance for the community. When we began work last August, very little was known about the ACA in the CNMI and we put in a lot of hard work over the last year to understand the law and educate the public and our local leaders on both the positive and negative effects of the ACA in the CNMI," said Neises. "The funding cut was so abrupt that we didn't have time to properly transfer services to another organization."

For questions regarding health insurance, consumers may call the Insurance Division at (670) 664-3064 and ask for Charlette C. Borja, insurance licensing officer, or the Insurance Commissioner through the Administrative Office at (670) 664-3077. ***(Office of the Governor)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Tinian scholarship reminders

The Tinian Municipal Scholarship Board would like to remind potential applicants the deadline submission for 2014 fall semester application, academic year 2014-1015. The application deadline is Thursday, July 31, 2014. Supporting documents are due on or before Friday, Aug. 15, 2014. Should you be interested in applying, you may request for an application via tinianscholarship@gmail.com or pick up an application package at our office located on the first floor of the Villagomez Building, San Jose, Tinian. For more information, contact Raelynn Queanna Iglecias or Ann Marie H. Crisostomo at (670) 433-2200. ***(PR)***

Dr. Grant Walker elected to Board of Orthopedic Surgery

Dr. Grant Walker, the orthopedic surgeon who will be returning to the CNMI this fall to set up private practice, has just been elected to sit on the Board of Orthopedic Surgery for the 2014-2015 year. The American Board of Physician Specialties, Board of Orthopedic Surgery bestows this prestigious honor to only a select few senior orthopedic surgeons who demonstrate excellence and who reflect the high moral and leadership skills necessary to represent their institution. ***(PR)***

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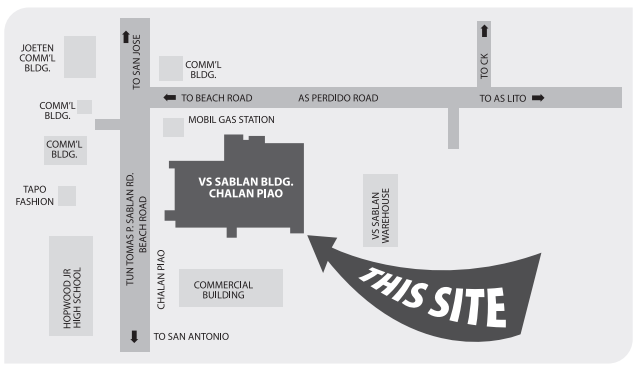

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS PROJECT MANAGEMENT (CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES & QUALITY ASSURANCE) for the PUERTO RICO DUMP CLOSURE RFQ 14-GOV-124

Governor Eloy S. Inos, and Lieutenant Governor Jude Hofschneider through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Office, (collectively, "Commonwealth") are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified consultants to provide Project Management to include Construction Management (CM) and Construction Quality Assurance (CQA) Services for the Closure of the Puerto Rico Dump(PRD) located at Puerto Rico, Saipan MP.

Procurement procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001, or latest revision thereof. Public Law 15-95 (Local Preference Act) as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

Project Construction Plans and the complete Scope of Work for the CM and CQA Services required is available at the Governor's CIP Administrator's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, CNMI. A non-refundable payment of One Hundred Dollars (US $100.00) is required. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the CIP Office. There will be a pre-proposal conference at the Governor's Conference Room on Friday, July 11, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. Questions regarding this RFQ must be submitted in writing to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia, Project Manager to fax no. (670) 664-2408 or email to balajadiaelizabeth@hotmail.com no later than 4:00 p.m. ChST Thursday, July 17, 2014.

Statements of professional qualification from interested firms must address, and will be evaluated on the following criteria:

A. Overall construction management experience in the Western Pacific Region, and especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands - (20%)
B. Specialized experience and technical competence in the type of work required and previous experience with projects similar in scope - (25%)
C. Key personnel's professional qualifications, experience and availability for the proposed services; their professional integrity and competence; and their knowledge of the applicable regulations, policies and procedures regarding closures of landfills - (20%)
D. Past performance on similar projects, including cost control, ability to meet schedules, and quality of completed construction - (20%)
E. Current workload and demonstrated ability to perform the project Scope of Work - (15%)
F. Fee - (0%)

To qualify, firms must have a valid CNMI Business License, and be currently licensed to practice engineering in the CNMI. Firms shall also submit an estimate of CM fees based upon a 12-month project schedule. Fee estimates will assist the CIP Office for budgeting purposes, but will not be considered in firm evaluation scores.

Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330. Only professionally licensed firms with a valid CNMI business license will be considered.

Discussions shall be conducted with the top three (3) ranked firms. After a selection is made, negotiations will be conducted with the highest qualified firm to determine the final fair and reasonable price of the contract for the work to be performed. The selected firm will be subjected to a responsibility and responsiveness determination in compliance with Section 3-301 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

Qualifications statements must be sealed and marked "RFQ14-GOV-124 , Project Management (Construction Management and Construction Quality Assurance Services for the Puerto Rico Dump Closure". For proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of the qualifications statement must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, MP, no later than 9:00 a.m. ChST, Tuesday, August 5, 2014. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 9:00 a.m. ChST, Tuesday, August 5, 2014, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of the sealed qualifications statement must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than Tuesday, August 5, 2014, and must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than Thursday, August 14, 2014 ChST. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies of the proposal may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interests of the CNMI government. All proposals shall become the sole property of the CNMI government.

/s/Eloy S. Inos, Governor

/s/Herman S. Sablan, Director of Procurement & Supply

Ocean crash in A. Samoa kills teen seeking record

PLAINFIELD, Ind. (AP)—His pilot's license fresh in his hands, an Indiana teenager set out in June for the adventure of a lifetime: an around-the-world flight with his father designed to break a record and raise money to build schools in his father's native Pakistan.

Just days before the father and son were to return home to Indiana, the trip turned tragic when their plane crashed in the Pacific Ocean shortly after leaving Pago Pago in American Samoa on Tuesday night. The body of 17-year-old Haris Suleman was recovered, but crews were still searching Wednesday for the father, Babar Suleman.

The Sulemans left the state on June 19 in hopes of setting the record for the fastest circumnavigation around the world in a single-engine airplane with the youngest pilot in command to do so.

For more than a month, the trip was everything they'd hoped for, with visits to the pyramids and rides on camels in Egypt, a family reunion in Pakistan and much more. Even food poisoning and delays that meant they wouldn't complete the trip in their intended 30 days couldn't dilute the teen's enthusiasm as he saw Europe, Africa, Asia and the South Pacific.

AP

Emergency medical personnel prepare to transfer the body of 17-year-old Haris Suleman to shore after it was recovered at sea early Wednesday, July 23, 2014, after the plane Suleman was piloting crashed in the Pacific Ocean after leaving Pago Pago in American Samoa.

"There is so much beauty and culture in each country that I couldn't possibly witness all that I want to," Haris Suleman told The Indianapolis Star in an email recently.

The teen's 26-year-old sister, Hiba Suleman, said her father and brother had undergone training to learn how to handle an ocean landing and wore protective immersion suits when flying over water. She said it was unusual for them to take off at night but didn't know whether that contributed to the crash.

"With a trip like this, there's always a risk, and they did prepare for that risk," she said at a news conference Wednesday in Plainfield, the central Indiana town where the family lives.

The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration has an inspector in American Samoa who will be looking into this accident. National Transportation Safety Board spokesman Terry Williams said the agency will work with local authorities on the investigation, but he couldn't confirm if NTSB will send its own investigator to the territory.

U.S. Coast Guard spokeswoman Petty Officer Melissa McKenzie said witnesses reported seeing the single-engine Hawker Beechcraft go down about a mile from shore shortly after taking off from Pago Pago International Airport. The plane was headed to Honolulu.

"It's a tragedy of immense proportions," family friend Azher Khan told reporters.

Haris, who had just completed his junior year of high school, had been flying with his father—an engineer—since age 8 and in June acquired his pilot's license and instrument rating, which authorized him to fly an aircraft over oceans.

The trip was also raising money for the Citizens Foundation, a nonprofit that builds schools in Pakistan. The organization has built 1,000 schools for boys and girls in Pakistan, and Khan said the father-son team had raised about $500,000, nearly enough to build three more.

Hiba Suleman said the cause was dear to her father, who left Pakistan in 1983.

She said the trip had been a dream of her father's for years and that her brother was excited to join in and pursue the record. He planned to be the pilot in command except in an emergency.

Haris acknowledged the risks.

"Why does any explorer undertake the necessary risks in order to accomplish their dream?" he wrote in a July 15 blog for the Huffington Post. "Because that person has a drive, they have a focus, and they have a need to explore that dream."

Hiba Suleman, who held back tears during Wednesday's news conference, said she last spoke to her brother, who wanted to follow their father into the engineering profession, on Tuesday. She said that during that conversation Haris told her he loved Pago Pago's tropical setting and also asked her if she had their father's credit card number

"He wanted to book the hotel in Hawaii because he apparently wasn't very happy with my dad's previous choices," she said with a laugh.

Hiba Suleman said her older brother was trying to fly to American Samoa to bring back Haris' remains. She also said the family is hopeful that Babar Suleman might be alive.

American Samoa Lt. Gov. Lemanu Peleti Mauga, the acting governor, said the territory's priority is to search for and rescue Babar Suleman.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES

FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT REHABILITATION OF TAXIWAY "B" PROJECT NO. CPA-SA-001-14

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested Consultants for Architectural and Engineering (A/E) Design Services for the repair of Taxiway "B" at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands.

The project is being funded by the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). This project is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Package is available at CPA's Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal. No fee is required for obtaining the proposal package. Questions regarding this request for RFQ statements must be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, CPA Executive Assistant, at (670) 237-6500, faxed to (670) 234-5962 and/or emailed to wprater@cpa.gov.mp by no later than Friday, August 1, 2014, 4:30 p.m., local time.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Overall A/E design experience in the Pacific area and especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Island – (25 points);
2. A/E Design experience related to projects funded in whole or in part by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) – (25 points);
3. Level of proficiency in performing A/E services promptly; and level of experience with the FAA and AIP grants – (15 points);
4. The general reputation of the Consultant in terms of quality of A/E work experience and services performed for AIP projects, and the Consultant's professional integrity and competence – (15 points);
5. Capacity to accomplish the work within the contract time - (10 points); and
6. Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal – (10 points).

Interested Consultants shall submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf on a compact disc of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **4:30 p.m., Friday, AUGUST 22, 2014**. Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

Discussions may be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the agreement requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

An agreement shall be negotiated with the highest qualified architect/engineer firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

All responses to this RFQ shall take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the consultant awarded an agreement for this project, including excise tax.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

Send information to:
Ms. MaryAnn Q. Lizama
Executive Director
Commonwealth Ports Authority
P.O. Box 501055
Saipan, MP 96950-1055

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Board Chairman/Contracting Officer

Date: July 14, 2014

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PROCUREMENT, DELIVERY, & INSTALLATION OF A DUPLEX BOOSTER PUMP SYSTEM

INVITATION FOR BID
CPA-IFB -002-14

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting bids for the procurement, delivery, & installation of a duplex booster pump system for its ARFF Station.

The bid package is available beginning July 25, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport.

All bids shall be sealed and marked on the cover package: "Procurement, Delivery, & Installation of a duplex booster pump system-CPA-IFB-002-14." One (1) original and two (2) copies of the bid must be submitted before 4:30 p.m. LOCAL TIME, August 22, 2014, at the Office of the Executive Director, Saipan International Airport.

Bidders are requested to visit the existing Booster Pump Site at the ARFF Station to familiarize themselves of the required work to be performed by calling Bill Camacho at telephone number 237-6557.

Bids submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances. CPA reserves the right to reject any and all bids if in its opinion to do so is in CPA's best interest.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ MaryAnn Q. Lizama
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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT # 07-2010

Opening date: July 07, 2014 **Closing date: July 25, 2014**

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) announces the following job vacancy:

Position: (1) ARFF Mechanic-III (Saipan)

Employment Application must be accompanied with a copy of all required diploma/certificates and/or official transcripts, original copy of recent police record not more than six (6) months old, original copy of U.S. Department of Defense Form DD214 for retired members or veterans of our Armed Forces, and other documents as required for the position. Public Law 11-70 requires that all male applicants age 18 to 25 years old must submit documentation evidencing his registration with the Federal Selective Service System. All applications and required documents must be submitted to the CPA Administration Office, 2nd Floor Arrival Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. Failure to provide any of the required documents may result in automatic disqualification. Certain vacancies may require written and/or physical test. Selected applicants will be subjected to pre-employment drug screening. CPA reserves the right to waive or implement other qualifications to meet its needs. The deadline for submission of applications and required documents is no later than 4:30 p.m., Friday, July 25, 2014.

Detailed information on qualifications and position description for the above positions shall be picked up along with the application form during regular working hours at the CPA's Administration Office (2nd Floor) of the Saipan International Airport, Arrival Wing. For more information, please contact the CPA HR Administrator Ms. Rita Omar, by email at rita.omar@cpa.gov.mp or by phone at (670) 237-6500.

CPA is an Equal Opportunity Employer and CPA hires those who are legally entitled to employment in the CNMI.

/s/MaryAnn Q. Lizama
Executive Director

Manglona, Javier join nat'l scholars group

Incoming Mount Carmel School juniors Cathryn Javier and Thomas Maglona II have both been accepted into the National Society of High School Scholars. According to NSHSS scholarship director Susan Thurman, Manglona and Javier were accepted into the prestigious society because of their "outstanding academic achievement at Mount Carmel School."

While outstanding in the classroom, Manglona and Javier have also been very successful in extracurricular activities. Active in numerous organizations, Manglona has established himself as a notable journalist in the CNMI and has led his school's Journalism Club to cover stories in both print and video, including the club's notable Knightly News broadcast program. Recently, Manglona represented the CNMI in the National Forensics League national competition and completed his summer studies at Stanford University as part of the Junior States-

Javier

Manglona

men of American program.

For her part, Javier has been active in forensic competitions, the National Honor Society, Mock Trial and the school's Theatre Club. In her first year as a high school Mock Trial attorney, Javier won an award for Best Attorney at the CNMI High School Mock Trial Competition. This past year, she also completed distance education courses online and took the AP US History exam as a sophomore, a test normally taken by high school juniors.

Mount Carmel School president Galvin Deleon Guerrero was not surprised when he heard about their acceptance into the NSHSS. He said, "These are two of our finest Knights who epitomize the school's trademark values of faith, excellence, and success, so I think it is very fitting that they be recognized this way."

As members of the NSHSS, Javier and Manglona join a select group of students who have distinguished themselves with their academic excellence. According to the NSHSS, the society also "provides members with lifetime access to a variety of opportunities and resources, including scholarships, leadership development programs, service activities, and exclusive discounts." The NSHSS also notes that it has "over $1,000,000 in scholarships to be awarded this upcoming academic year."

The NSHSS was founded by Claes Nobel, whose family established the Nobel Prizes that reward individuals and organizations for world betterment. ***(PR)***

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy birthday greetings go out to Eydie Uy, who is celebrating his special day today! Have a wonderful birthday and we wish you all the happiness in life. Keep being healthy and may you have more birthdays to come. Greetings come from the staff and management of Sun Palace Hotel and Makeover Beauty Salon.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Golf, diving take center stage in media FAMS

Two of the main visitor attractions of the Northern Mariana Islands, golf and diving, were the focus of recent media familiarization tours.

Buzz Golf, a high fashion Japanese golf magazine targeting beginning women golfers, was on Saipan and Rota in June. The group lodged at Laolao Bay Golf & Resort, where they had a photo shoot, as well as at Rota Resort and Country Club, Kingfisher Golf Links, Saipan Country Club, Coral Ocean Point Resort, and Marianas Country Club. The magazine also shot at Hafa Adai Shopping Center, Athlete's Foot, Star Sands Plaza, Obyan Beach, and Saipan Beach Pathway. On Rota, the media team visited the Swimming Hole, Teteto Beach, Rota Bird Sanctuary, and Taga Beach.

Marine Diving magazine of Japan also brought an editor/writer, photographer, and model to Saipan last month. In addition to shooting two or three dives each day at popular dive spots, the team covered the 1st Swimming Festival in Managaha on June 28. Other shooting locations included Hyatt Regency Saipan, Cha, Star Stands Plaza, Mariana Ocean, Hard Rock Café Saipan, Garapan Street Market, SandCastle Saipan, and parasailing on Managaha island. The magazine also visited several dive shops: Blue Sea Sports, Super Fish Diving, CMLC ARTHA, Scuba Elemente, S2 Club, Sea Shore, Wondersea, Peace Divers, and Make Sure Diving. The swimming festival and other coverage will appear in the Aug. 10, 2014, issue of the magazine, which has a circulation of 170,000 copies.

In addition, filming is underway this week for a new destination video for the Northern Marianas that will be premiered in September 2014 at Tourism Expo, Japan's largest annual travel fair. ***(MVA)***

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 14-032

Opening Date: Tuesday, June 10, 2014
Closing Date: Friday, August 01, 2014

Deputy Executive Director

RESPONSIBILITIES AND OPPORTUNITY OFFERED:

Reporting directly to CUC's Executive Director or designee, the Deputy Executive Director ("DED") fills a position required by the Stipulated Order ("SO") of the United States of America vs. the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, Civil Case No. CV 08-0051.

***For further information stop by the CUC Human Resource Office.**

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Successful candidates for CUC's Deputy Executive Director must have the following:

- Education:
  - Master's degree in management, engineering, finance or public administration, "OR", in the alternative, a bachelor's degree in engineering "and" registration as a Professional Engineer pursuant to the National Council of Engineering Examiners standards in either the civil, mechanical, or electrical branch. [With your cover letter or resume, please provide a copy or verification of your education and/or registration.]
- Experience:
  - Senior management experience of at least ten (10) years desired in similar wastewater and drinking water utility (combined utility is preferred), with similar or greater capital and operating budgets, capital improvement projects, human resources needs, utility financing issues, operation and maintenance training, and implementation needs. [With your cover letter or resume, please provide information supporting your professional background and work assignments showing senior management experience. Please cite duration, responsibility level, duties, position, and other relevant experience substantiating senior management experience.]
- Certification and Licensing:
  - A Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator's Certificate is desired, but not mandatory.
  - Ability to obtain and maintain a CNMI driver's license of the appropriate class upon hire is required.

***For further information stop by the CUC Human Resource Office.**

SALARY INFORMATION: Based on credentials and specialized experience as a water and wastewater utility senior manager (executive) in a U.S. state, U.S. territory, U.S. commonwealth, and/or the District of Columbia.

POSITION: One (1).

CONTRACT: Two-year; subject to renewal.

RELOCATION EXPENSES: If hired from outside the CNMI, relocation expenses are negotiable; but they are not to exceed $10,000.00 for moving to Saipan and not to exceed $5,000.00 for moving away from Saipan. Receipts will be required for justification. Other conditions may be applicable.

SUBMISSION PROCESS: Applicants of JVA No. 13-006, JVA No. 13-052, and JVA No. 14-019 are considered as part of this JVA No. 14-032. These applicants are welcomed and encouraged to contact Human Resources to confirm such inclusion and/or to update their submission. All applicants are should review the minimum requirements and present an application package that clearly addresses such requirements. Applicants are asked to please submit (1) a cover letter, (2) a resume, (3) a list of references, and (4) a CUC Employment Application by one of the following means:

1. United States Postal Service, First Class Mail or Priority Mail*:

   Human Resource Office
   Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
   P. O. Box 501220
   Saipan, MP 96950-1220 USA

   *If you choose to submit via USPS, please still also fax "or" email "or" drop off your package.

2. Fax: 670-235-5131
3. Drop Off: Drop off your package at the CUC Human Resource Office located on the 3rd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building on Saipan. Otherwise, you may drop it off at the CUC Tinian or Rota Administration Office.

POLICIES: The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation is an equal opportunity provider and employer and will not discriminate or tolerate discrimination against any employee or applicant in any manner prohibited by law.

It is also the policy of CUC to achieve a drug-free workplace and persons selected for employment will be required to pass a drug test which screens for illegal drug use prior to final appointment.

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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 14-033

Opening Date: Tuesday, June 10, 2014
Closing Date: Friday, August 01, 2014

Chief Financial Officer

RESPONSIBILITIES AND OPPORTUNITY OFFERED:

Reporting directly to CUC's Executive Director or designee, the Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") works directly with the Deputy Executive Director ("DED"). The CFO fills a position required by the Stipulated Order ("SO") of the United States of America vs. the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, Civil Case No. CV 08-0051.

***For further information stop by the CUC Human Resource Office.**

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Successful candidates for CUC's Chief Financial Officer must have the following:

- Education:
  - Bachelor's degree in accounting or financial management from a United States accredited institution or one with equivalent accreditation;
- Experience:
  - Ten (10) years of professional experience in governmental or financial accounting, including experience in a supervisory and/or management position.
- Certification and Licensing:
  - A Certified Public Accountant or Certified Management Accountant is desired.
  - Ability to obtain and maintain a CNMI driver's license of the appropriate class upon hire is required.

***For further information stop by the CUC Human Resource Office.**

LOCATION: **Saipan,** Northern Mariana Islands, USA.

SALARY INFORMATION: Based on credentials and specialized experience and whether applicant has a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) or Certified Management Accountant (CMA) designation in a U.S. state, U.S. territory, U.S. commonwealth, and/or the District of Columbia.

POSITION: One (1).

CONTRACT: Two-year; subject to renewal.

RELOCATION EXPENSES: If hired from outside the CNMI, relocation expenses are negotiable; but they are not to exceed $10,000.00 for moving to Saipan and not to exceed $5,000.00 for moving away from Saipan. Receipts will be required for justification. Other conditions may be applicable.

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Maintenance Coordinator (1)
Qualifications: Requires three (3) years of satisfactory performance as a Maintenance Coordinator; or any combination of related education and experience in the assigned area; or up to four (4) years of college courses in civil engineering, construction management or related field. Must have the ability to read, write, analyze & interpret orally & written effectively; ability to interpret and administer contracts for construction, and/or operational services.

Maintenance Manager (1)
Qualifications: High School diploma or equivalent. Minimum of six (6) years experience in hotel maintenance plus 2 years in supervisory level. Able to supervise, manage and coordinate the activities of mechanics, installers and repairers. Good judgment, decision making skills, and time management skills. Prefer some technical courses. Must know how to read floor plan and electrical diagram. Valid driver's license and reliable transportation. Must be able to work flexible schedule including holidays, weekends and nights.

Electrician (2)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent. Minimum of five (5) years work experience required. Provide access for future maintenance and avoid unreliable wiring, consistent with verification and electrical codes, and other related duties as assigned. Capable of reading schematic diagram, and electrical symbols, knowledgeable on industrial electricity, circuit breakers, switches and controls. Must to work in a flexible way that allows for changes in assignments and priorities depending upon identified needs of the department. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

International Cook (5)
Qualifications: High school diploma; graduate from independent and vocational cooking schools, professional culinary institutes or a college degree in appropriate field or equivalent. At least three (3) years experience in a five-star Hotel, Club, or Resort. Must be able to prepare, season, and cook a wide range of international dishes such as soups, meats, vegetables, salads, entrees, and desserts in the Resort. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Baker (2)
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. Some previous work-related skill, knowledge or experience preferably in a hotel. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Demi Chef (2)
Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent, or postsecondary instruction from vocational schools. Minimum of four (4) years work experience as a Demi-Chef preferably in hotel. Comprehensive knowledge of kitchen hygiene practices and occupational health and safety standards is essential. Supervise and coordinates activities of kitchen operation and personnel. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

A/C Refrigeration Mechanic/Technician (1)
Qualifications: Require post-secondary instruction from technical and trade schools or community colleges that offer programs in air-conditioning and refrigeration or and associate's degree. Completion of an apprenticeship program or two (2) to four (4) years of experience. Able to install and repair industrial and commercial refrigeration systems. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

General Maintenance Worker/Repairer (1)
Qualifications: Minimum of two (2) years work experience as a Handyman preferably in a hotel or in a similar large building or complex with central plant. Willingness to work outside (if necessary) in inclement weather. Must be able to carry and lift heavy objects. Possession of a valid driver's license is essential. Perform work involving skills of two or more maintenance craft occupations to keep machines, mechanical equipment, or the structure of an establishment in repair. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Housekeeper (5)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent. Minimum 6 months work experience preferably in a hotel. Must be able to speak and write in English. Ability to speak basic foreign language is a plus. Good customer service skills are essential. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Tailor/Dressmaker (1)
Qualifications: Minimum of Three (3) years work experience as a dressmaker preferably in a hotel. Must be able to think creatively. Is able to design, make draperies, repair or fit garments. Must have an interest in fashion, color and style. Must have ability to work quickly, accurately and independently in a fast-paced environment. Able to work a variable schedule on occasion including weekends.

Housekeeping Supervisor (6)
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. A few months to one year of supervisory/managerial capacity, in a five-star hotel, club, or resort. Preferably some basic knowledge of the hotel industry. Must directly supervise and coordinate work activities of cleaning personnel in the hotel. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Night Auditor (1)
Qualifications: College Diploma or Equivalent certificate, in a hotel or resort. Must have at least two (2) years experience in hotel internal auditing. Must be willing to work flexible night duty/graveyard schedule, weekends, holidays and extended work hours. Understanding of business processes and work flow design. Strong financial analytical background and must be knowledgeable on Microsoft office applications and other software are essential. Good communication and interpersonal skills are necessary. Also responsible in handling of company general funds. Ability to pay close attention to detail with a high degree of accuracy, adapt to changes in work environment, work as assignments and/or changes in priorities.

Guest Relations Supervisor (3)
Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent training in vocational schools, related on-the-job experience, or an associate's degree in hospitality or hotel management. One to four years or supervisory/managerial capacity, in a five-star hotel, club, or resort. Preferably some basic knowledge of the hotel industry. Must be able to supervise and coordinate the activities of guest relations workers to make sure that guests on vacation or business travel have a pleasant experience, while also ensuring the establishment is run efficiently and profitably. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Wait Staff (19)
Qualifications: High school diploma/GED preferred. At least 6 months serving experience required or 6 months current hosting experience. Restaurant and Beverages experience preferred. Proven knowledge of Micros or equivalent computer software and cash check, credit card handling procedures required. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Guest Services Agent (4)
Qualifications: Must have minimum of 2 years work experience in providing quality customer and personal services. This includes customer needs assessment, meeting quality standards for service and evaluation of customer satisfaction. Must be able to handle customer complaints with efficiency. High School diploma or GED certificate. Must be able to work variable schedule including nights, weekends and holidays. Must have multitasking skills, be detailed-oriented, and be able to solve problems in order to effectively deal with internal and external customers.

Applications may be obtained and submitted to our Security Office located on the South Wing of Fiesta Resort & Spa.
Dead-line for submission of applications is July 28, 2014 to be considered.

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Business

Get paid for posts? Social networking has new twist

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Facebook and most other social networks are built on the premise that just about everything should be shared—except the money those posts produce.

At least two services are trying to change that. Bubblews, a social network that came out of out of an extended test phase last week, pays users for posts that attract traffic and advertisers. Another company, Bonzo Me, has been doing something similar since early July.

"I just feel like everyone on social networks has been taken advantage of for long enough," says Michael Nusbaum, a Morristown, New Jersey surgeon who created Bonzo Me. "Facebook has been making a ton of money, and the people providing the content aren't getting anything."

Bonzo Me is paying its users up to 80 percent of its ad revenue for the most popular posts.

Bubblews' compensation formula is more complex. It's based on the number of times that each post is clicked on or provokes some other kind of networking activity. To start, the payments are expected to translate into just a penny per view, comment or like. Bubblews plans to pay its users in $50 increments, meaning it could take a while for most users to qualify for their first paycheck unless they post material that that goes viral.

AP

In this photo taken Wednesday, July 16, 2014, Gerry Kelly, founder of clothing brand Sonas Denim and a Bubblews user, poses near his home in San Francisco.

"No one should come to our site in anticipation of being able to quit their day job," Bubblews CEO Arvind Dixit says. "But we are trying to be fair with our users. Social networks don't have to be places where you feel like you're being exploited."

Bubblews is also trying to make its service worthwhile for users by encouraging deeper, thoughtful posts instead of musings about trifling subjects. To do that, it requires each post to span at least 400 characters, or roughly the opening two paragraphs of this story.

Technology analyst Rob Enderle believes Bubblews, or something like it, eventually will catch on.

US economy, though sluggish, may now be sturdier

WASHINGTON (AP)—Out of a seemingly hollow recovery from the Great Recession, a more durable if still slow-growing U.S. economy has emerged.

That conclusion, one held by a growing number of economists, might surprise many people. After all, in the five years since the recession officially ended, Americans' pay has basically stagnated. Millions remain unemployed or have abandoned their job searches. Economic growth is merely plodding along.

Yet as the economy has slowly healed, analysts say it has replaced some critical weaknesses with newfound strengths. Among the trends:

■ Fewer people are piling up credit card debt or taking on risky mortgages. This should make growth more sustainable and avoid a cycle of extreme booms and busts.

■ Banks are more profitable and holding additional cash to help protect against a repeat of the 2008 market meltdown.

■ More workers hold advanced degrees. Education typically leads to higher wages and greater job security, reducing the likelihood of unemployment.

■ Inflation is under control. Runaway price increases would be destructive. Low inflation can lay a foundation for growth.

■ Millions who have reached retirement age are staying on the job. This lessens the economic drag from retiring baby boomers and helps sustain consumer spending.

Over the long run, such trends could help produce a sturdier economy, one less prone to the kind of runaway growth that often ends in a steep and sudden slump.

The downside? At least in the short term, these same trends have prevented the economy from accelerating. When consumers borrow and spend less freely, for example, they restrain growth.

And when people seek to work longer or become more educated, often there aren't enough jobs for all of them, at least not right away. People with advanced degrees can often find lower-paying jobs that don't require much education. But when they do, they tend to push some people with only a high school education into unemployment.

Twitter admits to diversity problem in workforce

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Twitter acknowledged that it has been hiring too many white and Asian men to fill high-paying technology jobs, just like several other major companies in Silicon Valley.

The lack of diversity in Twitter's workforce of roughly 3,000 people was spelled out in data released Wednesday by the San Francisco company behind the popular short messaging service.

The breakdown revealed that 70 percent of Twitter's worldwide workforce is composed of men. In the U.S., nearly 90 percent of Twitter's workers are either white or Asian. Racial data wasn't provided for the global workforce.

Things look even worse when the numbers are boiled down to computer programming positions and other technology jobs that tend to pay the highest salaries. Just 10 percent of those jobs are held by women worldwide. More than 90 percent of Twitter's technology jobs in the U.S. are being handled by whites and Asians.

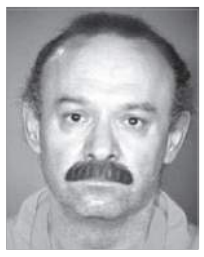
Twitter's scarcity of women, black and Latino workers mirrors similar situations at Google Inc., Facebook Inc., Yahoo Inc. and LinkedIn Corp.

All of those companies have released their diversity data since late May in response to a campaign spearheaded by the Rev. Jesse Jackson and his Rainbow PUSH coalition.

Nation

Arizona takes some two hours to execute inmate

PHOENIX (AP)—A condemned Arizona inmate gasped for more than an hour and a half during his execution Wednesday before he died in an episode sure to add to the scrutiny surrounding the death penalty in the U.S.


Wood

Arizona Attorney General Tom Horne's office said Joseph Rudolph Wood was pronounced dead at 3:49 p.m., one hour and 57 minutes after the execution started.

Wood's lawyers had filed emergency appeals with federal and state courts Court while the execution was underway, demanding that it be stopped. The appeal said Wood was "gasping and snorting for more than an hour."

Gov. Jan Brewer said later that she's ordering a full review of the state's execution process, saying she's concerned by how long it took for the administered drug protocol to kill Wood.

An Associated Press reporter who witnessed the execution saw Wood start gasping shortly after a sedative and a pain killer were injected into his veins. He gasped more than 600 times over the next hour and 40 minutes.

An administrator checked on Wood a half dozen times. His breathing slowed as a deacon said a prayer while holding a rosary. The 55-year-old finally stopped breathing and was pronounced dead 12 minutes later.

"Throughout this execution, I conferred and collaborated with our IV team members and was assured unequivocally that the inmate was comatose and never in pain or distress," said state Department of Corrections Director Charles Ryan.

Defense lawyer Dale Baich called it a botched execution that should have taken 10 minutes.

"Arizona appears to have joined several other states who have been responsible for an entirely preventable horror—a bungled execution," Baich said. "The public should hold its officials responsible and demand to make this process more transparent."

Family members of Wood's victims said they had no problems with the way the execution was carried out.

"This man conducted a horrifying murder and you guys are going, `let's worry about the drugs,'" said Richard Brown, the brother-in-law of Debbie Dietz, who was 29 when she was killed in 1989. "Why didn't they give him a bullet? Why didn't we give him Drano?"

ACROSS THE NATION

Funeral held for man who died in NY police custody

NEW YORK (AP)—An overflow crowd packed a church and sang songs on Wednesday at the funeral of a man who died in police custody after an officer placed him in an apparent chokehold. Eric Garner's relatives stopped in front of his open casket, some weeping and wailing. A preacher opened the service at Brooklyn's Bethel Baptist Church with a mix of solemn prayer and an organ-backed gospel medley. Garner, who had asthma, died last week on Staten Island. An amateur video shows a plainclothes police officer placing him in what appears be a chokehold. Garner, who police suspected of selling untaxed cigarettes, can be heard gasping, "I can't breathe!"

Senator says he had PTSD when he wrote thesis

HELENA, Mont. (AP)—Sen. John Walsh of Montana said Wednesday his failure to attribute conclusions and verbatim passages lifted from other scholars' work in his thesis to earn a master's degree from the U.S. Army War College was an unintentional mistake caused in part by post-traumatic stress disorder. The apparent plagiarism first reported by The New York Times was the second potentially damaging issue raised this year involving the Democrat's 33-year military career. Walsh told The Associated Press when he wrote the thesis, he had PTSD from his service in Iraq, was on medication and was dealing with the stress of a fellow veteran's recent suicide. "I don't want to blame my mistake on PTSD, but I do want to say it may have been a factor," the senator said. "My head was not in a place very conducive to a classroom and an academic environment."

Nazi war suspect, 89, dies as extradition OK'd

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—An 89-year-old Nazi war crimes suspect died in custody hours before a U.S. ruling Wednesday that he should be extradited to Germany to face trial. Johann Breyer died Tuesday night at a Philadelphia hospital, where he had been transferred Saturday after a month in jail, his lawyer and the U.S. Marshals Service said. His death was disclosed Wednesday just as U.S. Magistrate Timothy Rice approved the extradition request, which would still have needed final U.S. government review. Rice found probable cause that Breyer was the person being sought by German authorities over his suspected service as an SS guard at Auschwitz during World War II.

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Position: (2) SOUS CHEF
Qualifications: Ability to direct and participate in the preparation and cooking of food. Must be able to work a variable schedule on occasion, including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends. 5 years work experience as a Sous Chef is required and preferably in the hospitality industry.

Position: (2) BARTENDER
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Position: (2) F&B SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Strong customer service skills and people oriented. Must be reliable and self-motivated. Is able to stand for long periods of time and lift up to 25 pounds. Minimum 3 years work experience as F&B supervisor preferably in a hotel. Foreign language skill a plus. Must be able to work a variable schedule on occasion, including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Position: (1) LANDSCAPING SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Able to directly supervise and coordinate activities and work schedule of employees engaged in landscaping and grounds keeping activities. Must have 3 years previous work experience, preferably in a hotel. Must be a high school graduate or equivalent.

Position: (1) PAINTER
Qualifications: 2 years work experience as a painter. Must have an eye for detail and good judgment. Must be able to carry and lift up to 35 pounds without any assistance. Able to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Position: (2) PLUMBER
Qualifications: Minimum of 2 years of plumbing experience preferably in a hotel or similar large building or complex with central plant. Knowledge of the tools, equipment and materials common to the plumbing trade is required. Must be able to carry and lift heavy objects. Willingness to work outside (if necessary) in inclement weather.

Position: (2) Steward Supervisor
Qualifications: Requirements: 3 years experience in stewarding; 1 year stewarding supervisor experience. Must be able to work long hours and handle pressure. Must have strong knowledge of sanitation procedure and health codes and implementation.

Position: (1) GENERAL ACCOUNTANT
Qualifications: College graduate, Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, major in accounting preferred. 4 years progressive work experience as an accountant. Must be computer literate and proficient in accounting software application particularly SAP, R3 and FICO. Must have strong organizational skills and team player. Must be able to work under pressure and flexible to work a schedule including weekends and holidays when required.

Position: (1) ACCOUNTING ANALYST- Accounts Payable/Disbursements
Qualifications: College graduate, Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, major in accounting is preferred. 3 years progressive accounts payable and general accounting experience. Strong knowledge of relevant computer software application particularly SAP, R3 and FICO. Proficient in data entry and management. Must have strong problem and communication skills. Attention to detail and accuracy is essential. Must be able to work under pressure. Able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays when required.

Position: (2) ACCOUNTING ANALYST – Accounts Receivable
Qualifications: College graduate, Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, major in accounting preferred. 3 years progressive experience in accounts receivable operations. Must have strong knowledge of relevant computer software application particularly SAP, R3 and FICO. Proficient in data entry and management. Must have strong problem and communication skills. Attention to detail and accuracy is essential. Must be able to work under pressure. Able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays when required.

Position: (1) COST ACCOUNTANT
Qualifications: Generally responsible for ensuring that food and beverage costs are within hotel standards. Renders regular reporting of food and beverage costs to management. Calculates food cost of regular menu items and assists banquet department in costing special banquet menus. Witness/participates in the periodic physical inventory counts and reports to immediate supervisor for any major discrepancies. Bachelor's Degree in accounting, business or finance is preferred. Minimum of 3 years work experience as cost accountant preferably in a hotel. Proficient in computer software application particularly SAP, R3 and FICO. Able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holiday when required.

Position: (1) PURCHASING SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: College graduate, Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, major in accounting preferred. Minimum of 3 years progressive work experience as a purchasing supervisor preferably in a hotel or a fast-paced environment. Ability to make judgments regarding alternative means of procuring materials/goods or services based on cost and serviceability. Ability to pay close attention to detail with a high degree of accuracy. Ability to adapt to changes in work environment, work assignments, and/or changes in priorities. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications and other software particularly SAP, R3 and FICO. Experienced with inventories to include, but not limited to, Food and Beverage, Dry goods, and Housekeeping Cleaning & Guest Supplies is a requirement. Willing to work flexible schedule on occasion including weekends.

Applications can be obtained at the Security Office at the Hotel's South Wing.
To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than July 29, 2014.
Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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(06) Accounting Technician: $6.00 - $8.25/hour
College graduate with a minimum of 5 years experience as an Accounting Technician. Capable of performing combined routine calculations, posting, and verifying duties to obtain primary financial data to maintain accounting records. Able to check the accuracy of figures, calculations, and postings; pertaining to business transactions recorded by other workers.

(04) Architectural Drafter: $5.60 - $9.00/hour
College graduate with a minimum of 5 years experience as an Architectural Technician. Capable of preparing detailed drawings of architectural/structural features of buildings, as well as, drawings and photographic relief maps used in civil engineering projects, such as highways, bridges, and other public works. Knowledgeable on building materials, engineering practices/mathematics used to complete drawing drafts.

(09) Auto Body Repairer: $5.60 - $7.00/hour
High school graduate with a minimum of 5 years experience as an Auto Body Repairer. Knowledgeable on repairing, refinishing automotive bodies, and straightening vehicle frames.

(35) Carpenter: $5.60 - $8.50/hour
High school graduate with a minimum of 5 years experience as a Carpenter. Knowledge on how to construct, erect, install, and repair structures and fixtures made of wood; such as, concrete forms, building frameworks(partition, joist, studding, & rafters) and wooden stairways, windows, door frames, and hardwood floors.

(12) Civil Engineering Technicians: $6.75 - $8.25/hour or $1,300.00 - 1,400.00/month
College graduate with a minimum of 5 years experience as a Civil Engineering Technician. Capable of applying Theory and Principles of Engineering in planning, designing, overseeing construction, maintaining structures and facilities under the directions of engineering staff or physical scientist.

(03) Construction Manager: $2,100.00 to $2,700.00/month
College graduate or with a minimum of 5 years experience as a Construction Manager. Knowledge on how to plan, direct, or coordinate, through subordinate supervisory personnel concerning activities regarding construction and maintenance of structures, facilities, and systems. Participate in the conceptual development of project construction and oversee its organization, scheduling, budgeting, and implementation. Include managers in specialized construction fields, such as carpentry or plumbing.

(02) Construction Superintendent: $2,100.00 to $2,500.00/month
College graduate or with a minimum 5 years experience as a Construction Manager. Knowledge on how to plan, direct, or coordinate, through subordinate supervisory personnel, activities in regards to construction and maintenance of structures, facilities, and systems. Participate in the conceptual development of a construction project and oversee its organization, scheduling, budgeting, and implementation. Include managers in specialized construction fields, such as carpentry or plumbing.

(18) Electrician: $5.60 - $7.50/hour
High school graduate with a minimum of 5 years experience as an Electrician. Knowledgeable on how to install, maintain, and repair electrical wiring, equipment, and fixtures. Ensure that work is in accordance with relevant codes. May install or service street lights, intercom systems, or electrical control systems.

(02) Electrical Engineering Technician: $6.00 - $8.00/hour or $1,300.00 - 1,400.00/month
Test or modify developmental or operational electrical machinery or electrical control equipment and circuitry in industrial or commercial plants or laboratories. Usually work under direction of engineers or technologists.

(05) General Maintenance: $5.60 - $6.25/hour
High school graduate with a minimum of 5 years experience as General Maintenance. Knowledgeable on how to install equipment.

(25) Heavy Equipment Mechanic: $5.60 - $8:25/hour
High school graduate with a minimum of 5 years experience as Heavy Equipment Mechanic. With knowledge on how to diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul mobile mechanical, hydraulic, and pneumatic equipment, such as cranes, bulldozers, graders, excavators, trucks and conveyors, used in construction.

(01) Housekeeper: $5.55 - $6.50/hour
Perform any combination of light cleaning duties to maintain private households or commercial establishments, in a clean and orderly manner. Duties may include making beds, replenishing linens, cleaning rooms and halls and vacuuming.

(40) Heavy Equipment Operator: $5.60 - $8.00/hour
High school graduate with a minimum of 5 years experience as H.E. Operator. With knowledge on how to operate several types of power construction equipment, such as motor graders, bulldozers, trenching machine, scrapers, compressors, pumps, derricks, shovels, tractors, or front-end loaders to excavate, move, and grade earth, erect structures, or pour concrete or other hard surface pavement.

(10) Truck Driver: $5.60 - $8.60
High school graduate with a minimum of 5 years experience as a truck driver with knowledge in driving a factor-trailer combination or truck with a capacity of at least 26,000 GVW, to transport and deliver quarry materials, heavy equipment's or material in liquid, loose or packaged form

(40) Mason: $5.60 - $7.50/hour
High school graduate with a minimum 5 years experience as a Mason. Must be able to smooth and finish surface of poured concrete, such as floors, walkways, tile settings, brick lying, sidewalk, roads or curbs using a variety of hand and power tools. Align forms for sidewalks, curbs or gutters; patch voids and use saws to cut expansion joints.

(10) Painter: $5.60 - $7.50/hour
High school graduate with minimum 5 year's experience as a Painter

(10) Plumber: $5.60 - $7.50/hour
High school graduate with minimum 5 years experience as a Plumber.

(2) Sheet Metal Worker: $5.60 - $7.00/hour
High school graduate with minimum 2 years experienced as a Sheet Metal Worker. With knowledge on how to install pre-fabricated sheet metal ducts used for heating, air conditioning, or other purposes.

(16) Steel Worker: $5.60 - 7.50/hour
High school graduate with a minimum of 5 years experience as a steel worker with knowledge on how to raise, place and unite iron or steel girders, R columns and structural members to form a completed structures or structural frameworks. May erect metal storage tanks and assemble prefabricated metal buildings. Position and secure steel bars or mesh in concrete forms in order to reinforce concrete. Use a variety of fasteners, rod-bending machines, blowtorches, hand tools, and rod busters.

(35) Welder: $5.60 - $7.50/hour
High school graduate with a minimum 2 years experienced as a Welder. With knowledge on how to install prefabricated sheet metal ducts used for heating, air conditioning, or other purposes.

(02) Electrical Engineers Technicians: $6.75 - $8:50/hour or $ 1,300.00/month
College graduate with minimum of 5 years experience as a Civil Engineering Technician plumber with knowledge on how to apply Theory and Principles of Civil Engineering in planning, designing and overseeing construction and maintenance of structures and facilities under the directions of engineering staff or physical scientists.

(6) Auto Electricians /Electric Motor Re-winder: $5.60 - $8:00 per hour
Must have at least 5 years work related experience. Must be able to diagnose and undertake electrical repairs on a wide variety of vehicles, heavy equipment and plan. Must be knowledgeable on electric motors, alternator, starter motor re-winding. Perform duties and responsibilities with less supervision.

(2) Diesel Fuel Injection Pump Technician: $5.60 - $6.75/hour
Must have at least 5 years work related experience. Knowledge on repairing Diesel Fuel Injection components, pumps, injectors and turbochargers.

Interested applicants must be able to work flexible work hours and may apply at GPPC Inc. Office, located at As Perdido, Saipan. A copy of Police Clearance must be attached to the application. Incomplete application will NOT be accepted. Skills testing may be required. Closing date will be on July 26, 2014.

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Asia

Taiwan airline eyes bad weather in crash

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)—An airline said Thursday it suspected typhoon weather caused one of its planes to crash land on a small Taiwanese island, killing 48 people.

The ATR-72 operated by Taiwan's TransAsia Airways was carrying 58 passengers and crew when it crashed into houses on the Penghu island chain in the Taiwan Strait between Taiwan and China late Wednesday, authorities said. The plane was on a flight from the city of Kaohsiung in southern Taiwan.

Two people killed on the plane were French citizens and the rest Taiwanese, an airline representative, Phoebe Lu, told The Associated Press on Thursday. The airline identified the French passengers as Jeromine Deramond and Penelope Luternauer.

The airline said one of the injured 10 survivors had gone home, and that five local residents had been hurt on the ground but they were also treated and released.

The twin-engine turboprop crashed while making a second landing attempt, Taiwan transportation Minister Yeh Kuang-shih told reporters.

Penghu, a scenic chain of 64 islets, is a popular tourist site about 150 kilometers (90 miles) southwest of the Taiwanese capital, Taipei.

The crash of Flight GE222 was Taiwan's first fatal air accident in 12 years and came after Typhoon Matmo passed across the island, causing heavy rains that continued into Wednesday night. About 200 airline flights had been canceled earlier in the day due to rain and strong winds.

The government's Central News Agency cited Taiwan's Central Weather Bureau as saying there were thunderstorms in the area at the time of the crash.

Lu said TransAsia suspected typhoon weather caused the crash, but was waiting for aviation authorities to finish an investigation to say for sure.

AP

Rescue workers survey the wreckage of TransAsia Airways Flight GE222 on the Taiwanese island of Penghu Thursday, July 24, 2014.

ASIAN BRIEFS

South Korea unveils stimulus after ferry sinking

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korea's government unveiled stimulus plans Thursday after the shock of a deadly ferry sinking slowed economic growth to the lowest level in three quarters. The finance ministry said government spending would increase by 11.7 trillion won ($11.4 billion). Another 29 trillion won would be available to small- and medium-sized companies through loans and other financial support. To stimulate the real estate market, the government will ease mortgage rules that limit household loans for home buyers. In announcing the stimulus, the ministry lowered its forecast for South Korea's economic growth this year to 3.7 percent from 3.9 percent.

Philippines deports Australian Islamic preacher

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine immigration authorities say they have deported an Australian Islamic preacher on suspicion of links to terrorists. Elaine Tan, spokeswoman for the Bureau of Immigration and Deportation, says Robert Cerantonio, alias Musa, was accompanied on a flight to Melbourne late Tuesday by four Filipino immigration agents. She said Thursday that the Cerantonio was an "undocumented foreign national" after the Australian government canceled his passport. He was arrested two weeks earlier in central Lapu-Lapu city but faced no formal charges. Philippine police say Cerantonio called for jihad on YouTube and lectured Filipino Muslims to support the Islamic militant group that controls parts of Iraq and Syria. The Australian Federal Police say Cerantonio's social media postings were "offensive and disturbing" but did not violate Australia's law.

CTSI Logistics is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following positions:

Sales & Marketing Manager
Must be a college graduate with a Bachelor's degree in Sales or Marketing or any Business course and at least 3 years of managerial work experience are required as well as an extensive knowledge and experience in supply chain and freight brokerage. Must have his/her own reliable transportation. Can work flexible hours. Must be able to meet monthly sales targets and have extensive contacts in various industries. Proficiency in freight forwarding, shipping and household goods operations are a must. Must be familiar with freight forwarding software.

Logistics Manager
Graduate of 4-year degree course and with at least 6 years management experience in the logistics business with emphasis on airfreight, ocean freight forwarding, warehousing and fuel hauling operations. Knowledge of Federal Regulations in Transportation, Environmental and Occupational Safety Hazards is required. Must have obtained certifications/training in Hazmat, Occupational Safety and Hazardous Waste Operation, Emergency Response, IICL (Container and Chassis), Petroleum Standard Operating Procedure and Vehicle Safety Guidelines.

Accounting Manager
Graduate of 4-year degree course in accounting with at least 5 years experience in financial management: directing the preparation of financial reports; implementing cash management; and directing investment activities for a logistics supply chain business operations. Must have excellent written communication and analysis skills for financial data reporting. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) software, freight forwarding, shipping and logistics software are a must. Expertise with MS Excel, Word and Power Point is required. Must be able to work under time pressure and can work flexible hours.

Accountant
Must be a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Finance and Accounting with at least 3 years work experience in financial management for a logistics/supply chain business or agency operations. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO system, freight forwarding, shipping and logistics systems. Must have expertise with MS Excel, Word and Power Point. Must be able to work under time pressure and can work flexible hours.

Storage and Distribution Supervisor
Associate's Degree with at least 3 years of distribution and warehousing supervisory experience. Knowledge of household goods handling and airfreight and oceanfreight operations is required. Proficiency in Warehouse management system software is required. Knowledge of Federal Regulations in Transportation is required. Must have obtained certifications/training in Hazmat, Occupational Safety and Hazardous Waste Operation, IICL (Container and Chassis) and Vehicle Safety Guidelines.

Shipping Supervisor
Associate's Degree and at least 3 years of shipping, receiving and warehousing supervisory experience is required. Proficiency in shipping operations, shipping documentation & cargo management system software is required. Knowledge of Federal Regulations in Transportation, 49 CFR & IMDG Code is required. Must have obtained certifications/training in Hazmat, Occupational Safety and Hazardous Waste Operation, IICL (Container and Chassis) and Vehicle Safety Guidelines. Knowledge of bill of ladings, scheduling and planning inbound and outbound shipments is a must.

Transportation Supervisor
Associate's Degree and at least 3 years of logistics and trucking operations supervisory experience is required. Must be knowledgeable in transportation and safety regulations and proficient in various logistic software. Knowledge of Federal Regulations in Transportation is required. Must have obtained certifications/training in Hazmat, Occupational Safety and Hazardous Waste Operation, Emergency Response, IICL (Container and Chassis), Petroleum Standard Operating Procedure and Vehicle Safety Guidelines.

Freight Forwarding Supervisor
Associate's Degree with at least 3 years experience in freight forwarding operations and 1-year experience in transportation security and communication related activities. Knowledge of TSA security regulations and proficiency in TSA Known Shipper Management System are a must. Knowledge of Federal Regulations in Transportation is required. Must have obtained certifications/training in Hazmat, Occupational Safety and Hazardous Waste Operation and IATA related trainings. Proficiency in airfreight documentation, freight forwarding software, FEDEX systems and operations are a must. Must be familiar with airline operations and regulations.

Sales Officer
Associate's Degree in Sales or Marketing and at least 3 years work related experience are required as well as an extensive knowledge and experience in supply chain and freight brokerage. Must have his/her own reliable transportation. Can work flexible hours. Must be able to meet monthly sales targets and have extensive contacts in various industries. Proficiency in freight forwarding, shipping and household goods operations are a must. Must be familiar with freight forwarding software.

Cargo and Freight Agent (5)
Associate's Degree with a minimum of 2 years experience in a logistics, freight brokerage or warehouse services business. Must know how to operate a forklift with certification. Must be able to do strenuous work with some lifting and carrying of small items on the job. Licensed to drive 4x6 wheel closed vans and must have obtained training or certification in handling hazardous materials, Occupational Safety, Hazardous Waste Operation and IAC CCSF authorized screener. Must be proficient in MS Office and Oracle-based programs and available to work on evenings and weekend hours.

Specialized Truck Driver (7)
High School graduate with at least 2 years experience operating trucks or vans with a capacity of at least 10,001 pounds gross vehicle weight (GVW) or 10 to 16-wheeled vehicles. Must have a valid commercial driver's license (CDL). Must have at least 3 years experience in hauling petroleum products with the corresponding SMITHS & STOPS training certification, carrying hazardous materials or oversized loads plus certificates or training in handling hazardous materials and cargoes is a must. Must be able to follow strict safety and operations procedures.

Heavy Equipment Truck Driver (3)
High School graduate with at least 2 years experience operating trucks or vans with a capacity of at least 10,001 pounds gross vehicle weight (GVW) or 10 to 16-wheeled vehicles. Must have a valid commercial driver's license (CDL). Experience in carrying hazardous materials or oversized loads plus certificates or training in handling hazardous materials and cargoes is a must. Must be able to follow strict safety and operations procedures.

Shipping and Receiving Clerk (5)
Associate's Degree and at least 2 years work related experience. Must be proficient in MS Office programs as well as other planning and logistics software. Knowledge of supply chain, shipping operations and procedures, document preparation and recordkeeping is required. Should possess good interpersonal and verbal communication skills.

Truck Mechanic
Vocational or High School Graduate. Must be able to diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul trucks, or maintain and repair any type of engines. Minimum of two (2) year work experience is required on these areas: lubrication, repairs and servicing, use of machine tools, welding and flame cutting, engine elements, gears, brakes, transmission, exhausts, etc. Proficiency in critical devices for fuel tank trucks is a must.

Automotive Body Repairer
Formal Auto Body Training in a Vocational School is required as well as a minimum of one-year experience in repairing and refinishing automotive vehicle bodies' vehicle frames. Proficiency in automotive body painting is required.

Janitor
Dependable attendance, hard working and follows directions well. Must be available to work early mornings, late nights and weekends.

A pre-employment drug testing will be required. Salaries will be commensurate with qualification and experience. For applications to be considered, they should submit resume / application to CTSI Logistics, Lower Base not later than August 01, 2014.

We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

POI Aviation invites qualified US worker candidates to apply for the following positions:

Airport Service (Passenger Service) Agent (13 Full-time / 2 Part-time)

High School Diploma, GED or equivalent with 4 years experience in passenger or customer service. Assists passengers by answering inquiries regarding flight information/booking/reservations, checking-in out-bound passengers and luggage and assisting them in boarding flights, assisting in-bound passengers through immigration and customs. Must be computer-literate with excellent oral and written communication skills in both English and Chinese. Must be able to lift 70 pounds.

Airport Service (Cleaning) Agent (28 Full-time / 3 Part-time)

High School Diploma, GED or equivalent with 2 years experience in aircraft exterior and interior cleaning. Performs interior cleaning of various aircraft to include cabins, lavatories and galleys. Must be knowledgeable in the use of different kinds of cleaning equipment, tools and materials.

Customer Service (Ramp/Cargo) Agent (9 Full-time / 4 Part-time)

High School Diploma, GED or equivalent with 2 years experience in ramp cargo loading and unloading operations. Operates equipment for loading and off-loading baggage/cargo to and from the aircraft for both commercial and freight aircraft. Handles and accepts cargoes according to the IATA, FAA, TSA, local airport, airlines and company regulations. Prepares documents for out-going and transfer cargoes. Must be able to operate forklift and other cargo-handling equipment. Ability to learn how to operate specialized equipment for aircraft servicing and ramp operations. Must be able to lift 70 pounds.

Lead Aircraft Maintenance Technician (1)

Requires: AS Degree in Aircraft Maintenance Engineering and/or Aeronautical Engineering with 4 years experience in airframe and power plant maintenance on both narrow and wide-body aircraft. Heads shift or work project, as directed by the manager, performing various repairs on aircraft airframe and power plants and other required services to ensure airworthiness. Must be skilled in use of specialized aircraft testing equipment and hold current U.S. FAA A&P License or an equivalent foreign license.

Interested applicants may send their applications to recruitment@poiaviation.com.
To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than August 4, 2014. Applications for employment are available at the Human Resources Department located at the POI Aviation Building on International Terminal LP, Saipan International Airport. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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Century Tours, Inc.
Is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following positions:

Operations Supervisor (1)
High School Diploma, GED, or equivalent. At least three (3) years work experience as a tour operations staff in a tour/travel agency, preferably with at least two (2) years of experience supervising a team of tour sales agents. Must be able to speak and write in Chinese (Mandarin) for China market.

Operations Assistant (1)
High School Diploma, GED or equivalent. At least two (2) years office experience in tour operation or sales or service related work. Must be computer-literate and able to speak and write in Chinese (Mandarin) for China market.

Operations Clerk (2)
High School Diploma, GED or equivalent. At least one (1) year office experience in travel or tour operation or sales or service based work environment. Must be computer-literate and able to speak and write in Chinese (Mandarin) for China market.

Interested applicants may send their applications to hr_ctr@tanholdings.com. To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than August 1, 2014. Applications for Employment are available at the Human Resources Department located at the Century Tours Office, Kanoa Resort, Beach Road, Susupe Village. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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World

40 bodies from jet solemnly returned to Dutch soil

AP

Pallbearers carry a coffin toward a hearse during a ceremony to mark the return of the first bodies of passengers and crew killed in the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17, from Ukraine at Eindhoven military air base, Netherlands, Wednesday, July 23, 2014.

EINDHOVEN, Netherlands (AP)—Victims of the Malaysian jetliner shot down over Ukraine returned at last Wednesday to Dutch soil in 40 wooden coffins, solemnly and gently carried to 40 identical hearses, flags at half-staff flapping in the wind.

The carefully choreographed, nearly silent ceremony contrasted sharply with the boom of shells and shattered glass in eastern Ukraine as pro-Russian rebels fought to hang onto territory and shot down two Ukrainian fighter jets. The bold new attack showed the separatists are not shying away from shooting at the skies despite international outrage and grief at the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17.

Even though they are still unidentified, the corpses that arrived on two military transport planes in Eindhoven were embraced by a nation unmoored by the loss of so many people caught in someone else's faraway war.

Boys going to visit their grandparents, a flight attendant hurrying to get home, a bouncer heading to see his sweetheart were among the 298 victims of the jetliner that was blown out of the sky on July 17, intensifying anger at the separatists suspected of bringing it down with a surface-to-air missile.

Nearly a week later, international investigators still don't have unfettered access to the crash site, some remains have yet to be recovered, and armed men roam the region, defying their government.

Investigators in a lab in southern England began studying the plane's "black boxes" Wednesday in hopes of learning about the Boeing 777's final minutes. The Dutch Safety Board, which has taken control of the investigation, said the cockpit voice recorder suffered damage but showed no sign of manipulation, and its recordings were intact. Specialists will start studying the flight data recorder Thursday.

Families of passengers moved to a new stage of grief as the bodies began arriving in the Netherlands, the country that bore the heaviest death toll.

The families had spent days agonizing in wait while their loved ones' remains lay in sweltering fields in eastern Ukraine before being gradually shifted by truck, train and plane.

"If I have to wait five months for identification, I can do it," said Silene Fredriksz-Hoogzand, whose son, Bryce, and his girlfriend Daisy Oehlers died in the crash. "Waiting while the bodies were in the field and in the train was a nightmare."

On a day of national mourning, flags flew at half-staff on Dutch government buildings and family homes around this nation of 17 million.

Church bells rang out around the country as the Dutch and Australian military transport planes taxied to a standstill. King Willem-Alexander clasped the hand of his wife, Queen Maxima, as the couple grimly watched uniformed pallbearers carry the coffins slowly from the planes to a fleet of waiting hearses.

Almost the only sound was of boots marching across the ground and flags flapping in the wind.

Then as the last hearses drove away, applause briefly broke out. Along the route, there was more applause from people gathered along the roadsides. Some tossed flower petals at the motorcade.

From the airport, they drove under military police escort to the central city of Hilversum where forensic experts waited at a military barracks to carry out the painstaking task of identifying the remains. Prime Minister Mark Rutte says many bodies could be identified quickly, but some families may have to wait weeks.

Two more planeloads of victims will be flown Thursday to Eindhoven to a similar ceremony, the Dutch government said.

The rebels, undeterred, fought to hold onto territory and said they attacked two Ukrainian air force jets in the same area where the passenger plane fell.

Ukraine's Defense Ministry said the Su-25s were shot about 30 kilometers (20 miles) south of the wreckage from the Malaysian jet. The separatist group Donetsk People's Republic said on its website that one of the pilots was killed and another was being sought by rebel fighters.

Casualty numbers raise questions about Gaza war

AP

A Palestinian youth carries blankets donated to the United Nations school where hundreds of families sought refuge after fleeing their homes due to heavy Israeli missile strikes in Gaza City, Wednesday, July 23, 2014.

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP)—Shopkeepers say they were sitting outside their shuttered businesses Wednesday, catching a break from being cooped up during wartime, when an Israeli missile struck a nearby mosque, killing a truck driver and wounding 45 people.

One of those wounded by shrapnel said from his hospital gurney that the strike came without warning.

Israel has defended such strikes on civilian sites—nearly 500 homes, 16 mosques and at least two hospitals, by Palestinian count—by saying that Hamas hides weapons and fighters there or that tunnels into Israel originate in such places.

Israel says it is defending its civilians against rocket fire and other attacks from Gaza and doing its utmost to minimize harm to Palestinian civilians.

However, three-fourths of the Palestinians killed in more than two weeks of Israel-Hamas fighting were civilians, according to U.N. figures. One in four was a minor, it said.

A Palestinian health official put the death toll at 718 and said more than 4,100 were wounded, with civilian casualties rising sharply since Israel sent tanks and troops into Gaza last week in its first ground operation in five years.

Israel has not offered its own count, but Lt. Col. Peter Lerner, a military spokesman, said Wednesday that 210 Gaza militants were killed since the ground operation began.

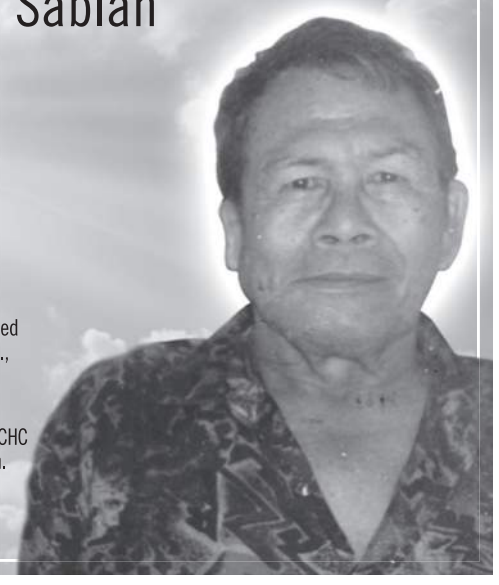
The heavy civilian death toll leaves Israel increasingly vulnerable to accusations that it is using excessive force and possibly committing war crimes—though in Israel, most of the discourse has focused on the rocket attacks.

While most of the rockets have been intercepted and the damage caused has not been great, the furor over them has been powerful among Israelis. Only in recent days has public opinion started to focus more closely on the devastation in Gaza and the question of disproportionality in Israel's actions.

In Celebration of His New Life

Mr. Jose Fructouso Aguon Sablan

Lovingly known as "Lingko"



In His New Life, He Now Joins His:
Father: †Juan Tudela Sablan
Mother: †Emiliana Aguon Sablan
Sister In Law: †Estephania R. Sablan

His Memories Will Forever Live in the Hearts of His:
Wife: Carmen Dela Cruz Sablan
Son: Hector Dela Cruz Sablan
Brother: Jesus Aguon/Marlyn Sablan and Children
All Cousins

Novena Mass will be prayed every night at Saint Jude Church located in Koblerville, Saipan from July 22 - 25, 2014 (Tue-Fri) at 6:00 p.m.,
July 26, 2014 (Sat) Novena Mass will be at 7:00 a.m.,
July 27, 2014 (Sun) Novena Mass will be at 8:00 a.m.

On Monday July 28, 2014 at 7:30 a.m, his remains will be escorted from CHC to Mt. Carmel Church for public viewing followed by a Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Your presence, thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

The Family

In Celebration of His New Life

†Antonio West Teregeyo

Born to life on December 03, 1956 and was called to his eternal rest on July 19, 2014.

Memorial Mass
†Elizabeth Brigida West Teregeyo
June 17, 1964 – January 07, 2013

In his eternal life, he now joins:

Father:	†Juan P. Teregeyo
Mother:	†Aguida W. Teregeyo
Brother:	†Albert W. Teregeyo
Sister:	†Elizabeth W. Teregeyo
Father In-law:	†Isidro K. Peter
Grandfather:	†Jesus P. Villagomez (Laffet)
Grandmother:	†Enriqueta P. Teregeyo
Reared Parents:	†Francisco P. Teregeyo
	†Rosa S. Teregeyo

He will forever live in the hearts of his:
Wife: Julia P. Teregeyo
Daughters/Spouse:
Eva Rose P. Teregeyo
Shercey Eleanor P. Teregeyo/Juan D. Dikito
(Anthony Glenn/Shirley Mae/Jass Eve)
Tracey P. Teregeyo (Teige Jha'bria)
Gertrudes T./William Cabrera (Dylan James/Antonill/
Jet/Violet Rose/Leahani Eve/Jovin Dean)
Lorry Mae P. Teregeyo
Aguida Isadora P. Teregeyo

Brothers/Sisters In-Law:
Alfred W. Teregeyo/Rosel (Ale/Revlin/Nikki)
John W. Teregeyo/Laurie Ann (John/Jesus/Elijay/
Agatha/Joann/Tori/Zoe/Aurora/Jerohn)
Allan W. Teregeyo

Sisters/Brother In-Law:
Estephania T./Basilio Odoshi (James, Buck John/Gida/Angela/Francisco/Vincent)
Esther T./Froilan Wabol (Anton/Asap/Dolo/Quincy/Juan/Angelina)
Lillian T./Daniel Laniyo (Doreen/JD/Nathan)
Elaine W. Teregeyo (RJ/Judy/Cheryl/Mercilia/Dalina/Ichakomi/Alofa)

Grandmother: Francisca A. Villagomez

Mother In-Law: Rosa L. Peter
Brothers & Sisters In-Law:
John L. Peter/Ana (Leilani/John Edward/Matthew/Tristan)
Patricia P./Francisco I. Kapileo (Frank Jr./Keolani/Kody/Kyler)
Emery L. Peter (Bradford/Rosario/Ramona)
George L. Peter
Stuart L. Peter/Andrea S. (Zachary/Kiara)
Lorraine P./Jesus Teigita (Kuuipo)

He will be greatly missed by numerous Nieces, Nephews, Aunt, Uncles, Godchildren, and Friends.

Daily mass is being offered at San Vicente Church at 6:00 pm, followed by the Holy Rosary.
On Saturday, July 26, 2014 at 7:30 am, his remains will be escorted from the CHC Morgue to Mt. Carmel Cathedral.
Final Viewing will be from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm.
Burial Mass will begin at 3:00 pm followed by interment at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Your Thought, Prayers & Presence is greatly appreciated.
Ghilisow Reemi, Si Yu'us Ma'ase and Thank You

The Family

Off The Wall

Hunt on for possible 16-foot anaconda in New Jersey lake

JEFFERSON, N.J. (AP)—Reports of a 16-foot-long exotic snake—possibly an anaconda—slithering through New Jersey's largest lake have stoked fears among residents and led to searches and questions about what exactly is in the water.

Traps have been set in Lake Hopatcong, while animal control officers and a private reptile expert have been hunting for the snake, first spotted earlier this month.

A spokesman for the state's Department of Environmental Protection said there have been no confirmed sightings of the snake and no evidence that it's actually there.

"We've been trying to take this seriously, because if there is a dangerous creature we want to help capture it," spokesman Larry Ragonese said. "At this point, we've gone a couple weeks now with a growing story of an exotic creature roaming the lake, and there's hundreds of eyes now trained on it. If there was to be something, you would think that that someone would have seen it."

Gerald Andrejcak said that he has.

Andrejcak, assistant director of New Jersey's Common Sense for Animals, says that he spotted the head and part of a body of what he estimated as a 16-foot-long anaconda last week. He said he cornered it before it escaped by slithering between his legs.

"You can't miss an anaconda head. If you've ever dealt with any kind of snakes, any type of anaconda, you can never forget that head," Andrejcak said. "I know the color and the patterns and everything else. Right off the bat, I knew exactly what it was right when I saw it."

Andrejcak said that commotion from boats in the area by onlookers coming to try to spot the snake may have led the snake to go elsewhere.

The 4-square mile lake about 30 miles northwest of Newark is surrounded by five towns and is the largest freshwater lake in the state.

"I would like to see me get this thing, get it into a zoo safe where someone isn't going to shoot it, kill it," he said. "The snake can be on display, safe in captivity and the lake community can get back to normal."

170-foot ketchup bottle for sale in Illinois

BELLEVILLE, Ill. (AP)—Would you relish having a towering ketchup bottle? That emblem of roadside Americana could be yours if you fork over enough money.

A "For Sale" sign is in front of what's billed as the "World's Largest Bottle of Catsup," the landmark that once served as a water tower in the city of Collinsville, east of St. Louis, the Belleville News-Democrat (http://bit.ly/1kPMozA) reported Tuesday.

AP

A 170-foot giant ketchup bottle, billed as the "World's Largest Bottle of Catsup," and once served as a water tower is seen Tuesday, July 22, 2014, in Collinsville, Ill.

The asking price for the 65-year-old, 170-foot-tall landmark is $200,000, with the warehouse adjacent to it listed at $300,000.

The landmark replicates a bottle of Brooks Old Original Rich and Tangy Catsup, which was produced in the buildings beneath the tower. The 100,000-gallon tower held water—never ketchup—and it hasn't been used since Brooks moved out in the early 1960s.

The plant later became a warehouse used for shipping and trucking operations of Bethel-Eckert, which for four decades serviced military commissaries before losing its contracts. Larry Eckert, the owner, initially considered selling the ketchup bottle and warehouse separately, then decided one can't go without the other.

"Whoever would be interested, you'd need the additional land anyway," he said.

Eckert said because the ketchup bottle is on the National Register of Historic Places, he expects the eventual buyer to preserve it.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Sarah Palin cited for speeding in Alaska hometown

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP)—Sarah Palin is facing a $154 ticket for speeding in her hometown of Wasilla. The former Alaska governor was pulled over July 16 and cited for driving between 10 and 19 mph over the speed limit. The penalty includes a $144 fine and $10 police training surcharge. An attorney for Palin said he didn't know details of the case but said that Palin would pay the fine. In discussing the ticket with TMZ, Palin made an auto racing reference, joking that she wasn't speeding, she was "qualifying."

Woman: Backyard near turnpike is not a rest stop

STAHLSTOWN, Pa. (AP)—A Pennsylvania woman says she can see drivers who pull off the side of a highway relieving themselves near her backyard, and state police have been asked to increase patrols. The woman, Crystal King, tells WTAE-TV that her backyard in Stahlstown, about 50 miles southeast of Pittsburgh, is separated from the Pennsylvania Turnpike by only a short fence. King's 11-year-old son and other children in her yard can see people who pull over to relieve themselves instead of using rest areas. King says one woman got angry when King yelled at her to stop and wound up throwing the human waste at her. Turnpike officials say they've spoken to King and have asked police for more patrols.

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Science & Technology

Apple to offer 1 million users a beta version of OS X Yosemite

Apple Inc. won't officially release its OS X Yosemite desktop software until this fall, but on Thursday, the Cupertino, Calif., company will give 1 million users early access to a beta version of the operating system.

The last time Apple gave the public beta access to a new desktop operating system was in 2000, when it charged $29.95 to try out the first version of OS X. This time, the beta version is free. Apple says it wants users to test drive the software and give feedback. "Your comments will help us make OS X better for all Mac users," Apple says on the Web page where people can go to sign up for the beta program. ***(Los Angeles Times)***

SOUND ADVICE

A budget-friendly camera for travel

By DON LINDICH
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Q. I need a new camera for traveling and my primary interest is good picture quality. I would also like something that does not focus as slowly as my old point and shoot. My budget is $250, maybe $300 max. I don't want a big SLR or interchangeable lenses, but I am open to carrying something a bit bigger than a pocket camera if it means better pictures. Do you have any good recommendations?

A. There are some very good values on the market right now. One camera in particular stands out in the $250 and under price range, and I think it will be the best choice for you.

The camera is the 12.-1 megapixel Pentax MX-1, an enthusiast compact camera. An enthusiast compact is a step above a point and shoot and a stepping stone to an interchangeable lens camera. Many enthusiasts use cameras like the MX-1 when they do not want to take an interchangeable lens camera system with them, hence the name, "enthusiast compact." These cameras are much more capable than a point and shoot in both operation, image quality, features, and overall performance. I recommended the MX-1 as a good value when it was selling for $439, and the price has recently dropped all the way to $249 online.

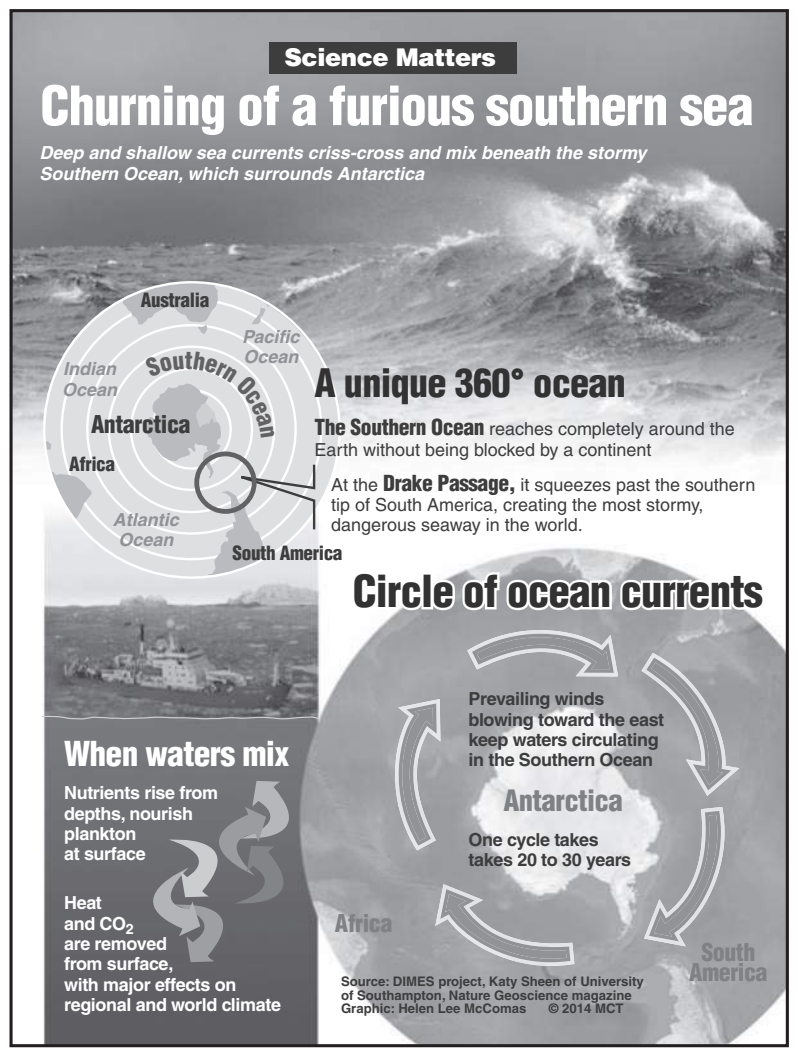
The MX-1 is not a tiny camera and is a bit too big for a pants pocket, but it would fit fine in a jacket pocket, belt pouch or a purse. The top and bottom plates are made of brass and finished in either black or silver, like a classic SLR. It feels very solid in your hand, almost like a brick. The buttons and dials have a nice feel to them and the size of the camera means they are not so tightly grouped together they are hard to push. There is an articulating LCD screen with a high resolution of 920k pixels.

Though the MX-1 can work as a point and shoot by using the automatic modes, when you hold it in your hand it is apparent it is much more than a basic camera. The menus and controls are very easy to understand and use, much like a Pentax digital SLR. Focusing is fast and accurate, and the 28-112mm (35mm equivalent) f/1.8-2.5 zoom lens is fast and sharp. I was particularly impressed with the flash pictures from this camera, which were very evenly lit with good color and very accurate exposure.

In short, this is a whole lot of camera for the money, and I don't think it can be beat for under $250 new.

The Pentax MX-1 has a removable lens cap, rather than the integrated cap found in most compact cameras. Many people do not like the lens cap dangling from the camera when taking pictures and it can also be knocked off the camera when it is being transported, exposing the lens to possible dust, smudges and scratches. If you buy the MX-1, you may want to order the Rainbow Imaging auto closing lens cap as well. It's under $13 on Amazon.com and it works extremely well. Just attach it to the camera and it will open when you turn the camera on and close when you turn it off.

Contact Don Lindich at www.soundadviceblog.com and use the "submit question" link on that site.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Life & Style

Musician Nas finds his family tree in PBS series

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—When Nas became the first rapper invited to trace his family tree through the PBS series "Finding Your Roots," he welcomed the opportunity.

But it hit him hard when he saw an 1859 documentation of an ancestor being sold as a slave, he said during a panel discussion Wednesday.

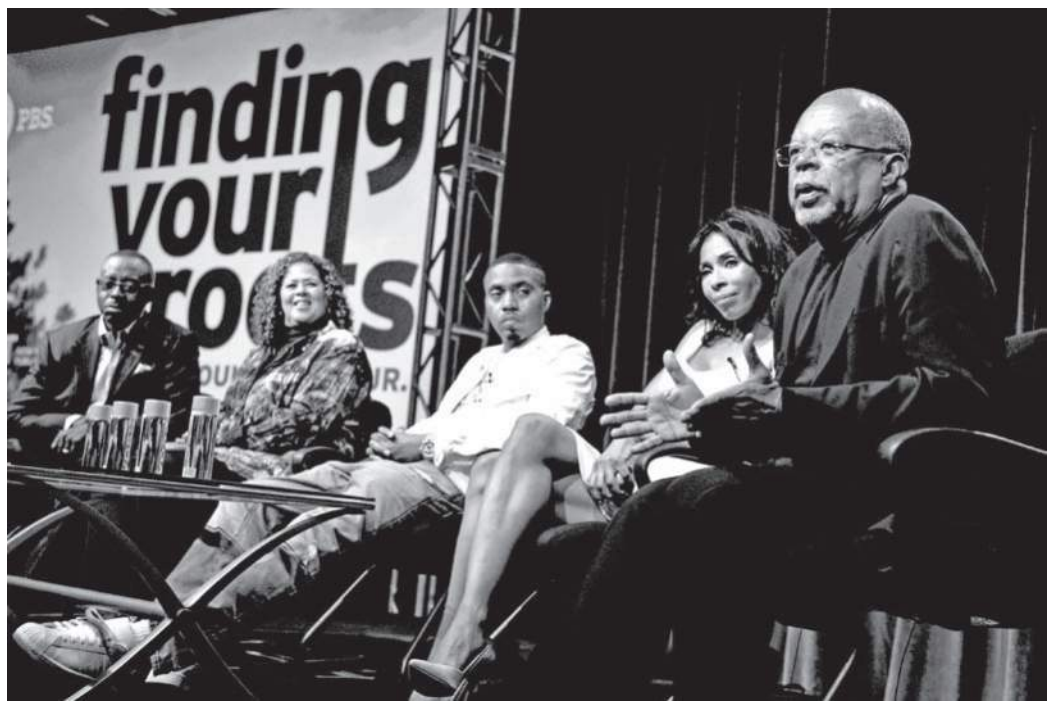
"First I was enraged when I looked at the bill of sale," Nas said. "I was like, that guy that owned property owes me some cash. My people made him really wealthy, so maybe I should find his family and talk."

The unearthed information made him think about his ancestors' contribution to America, he said, "and now I'm on a mission to find out more."

His family's story is among those told on season two of "Finding Your Roots," hosted by Harvard University scholar, author and filmmaker Henry Louis Gates Jr. and debuting Sept. 23.

The 10-part series that traces celebrities' ancestry will focus on, among others, Ben Affleck, Jessica Alba, Tina Fey, Sting, Stephen King, Billie Jean King, Derek Jeter and chef Ming Tsai.

Others taking part include Courtney Vance, Khandi Alexander and writer and actress Anna Deavere Smith. They joined Nas and Gates on the Television Critics Association panel.



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In this Wednesday, July 23, 2014 photo released by PBS, from left, actor Courtney B. Vance, actor and playwright Anna Deavere Smith, recording artist Nas, actor Khandi Alexander and host/executive producer/writer/presenter Henry Louis Gates Jr. discuss uncovering family histories during PBS' "Finding Your Roots," 2 session at the Television Critics Association Summer Press Tour in Beverley Hills, Calif.

Bing Crosby's kids recall dad's duet with Bowie

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—David Bowie's duet with Bing Crosby on the entertainer's 1977 Christmas television special left an indelible impression on Crosby's teenage children.

Harry, Mary and Nathaniel Crosby were on set when Bowie arrived to tape his appearance. The mash-up between the cardigan-clad singer known for "White Christmas" and the glam rocker who was in his Ziggy Stardust phase required some last-minute reworking of "The Little Drummer Boy."

The result was a new melody and lyrics called "Peace on Earth." The duet remains a holiday staple and a curiosity. Bowie was 30 and Crosby was 73 at the time. Crosby died of a heart attack a month after the taping in September 1977.

Mary Crosby remembered Bowie arriving on set.

"The doors opened and David walked in with his wife. They were both wearing full-length mink coats, they have matching full makeup and their hair was bright red," she told the summer TV critics' tour Wednesday. "We were thinking, `Oh my god.'"

Nathaniel Crosby added, "It almost didn't happen. I think the producers told him to take the lipstick off and take the earring out. It was just incredible to see the contrast."

Watching in the wings, the Crosby kids noticed a transformation.

"They sat at the piano and David was a little nervous," Mary Crosby recalled. "Dad realized David was this amazing musician, and David realized Dad was an amazing musician. You could see them both collectively relax and then magic was made."

The Crosby siblings—now all in their 50s—and their 80-year-old mother, Kathryn, made a rare public appearance together Wednesday to discuss the American Masters episode, "Bing Crosby Rediscovered," airing Dec. 2 on PBS.

Shemar Moore to return to 'Young and Restless'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Shemar Moore is returning to his daytime roots with a two-day guest appearance on "The Young and the Restless."

During his return on Sept. 10-11, Moore will reunite with Kristoff St. John, who plays his on-screen brother Neil Winters. Moore's character Malcolm Winters returns to Genoa City after leaving two years before without a proper goodbye. He comes back for a family visit to make amends and catch up.

Moore says he's excited about returning to the CBS show where he got his start. He was a "Young and Restless" regular from 1994-2002, left the show and returned in 2004-05. Moore won a Daytime Emmy for supporting actor in 2000.

Moore currently stars on the CBS drama "Criminal Minds."

"The Young and the Restless" recently won its eighth Daytime Emmy for best drama series. The show has been daytime's top-rated drama for 25 years.

Stonestreet: Acceptance will grow for gay athletes

NEW YORK (AP)—Actor Eric Stonestreet predicts that one day, it's not going to take an act of courage for an openly gay person to play in the NFL.

"It's going to be considered common. It's not going to feel taboo, and people are not going to feel they need to be closeted or keep their sexuality a secret because of other people's opinions," Stonestreet told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

Stonestreet

The "Modern Family" star, who plays a gay man on the popular ABC show, said, "Times are changing and Jason Collins, Michael Sam and those guys who have come out are most definitely having an impact with society."

Sam came out as gay before this year's NFL draft. He was drafted in the seventh round by the St. Louis Rams. Collins, who played basketball for the Brooklyn Nets last season, is the first openly gay athlete to play in a professional league in North America.

The two-time Emmy winner, who plays Cameron Tucker on "Modern Family," said it won't be so sensational for a gay athlete to come out as it becomes more acceptable.

"We have gay athletes in professional sports. There's no way around it. There's no doubt that that's true, and anybody who doesn't think there's gay athletes in professional sports doesn't understand basic sociology," the actor said.

Stonestreet noted that Sam, like any athlete, will have to earn his way onto the St. Louis Rams roster. His spot is not guaranteed.

Filmmaker Michael Moore's divorce is finalized

BELLAIRE, Mich. (AP)—Filmmaker Michael Moore's divorce from Kathleen Glynn has been finalized, ending their two-decade-long marriage.

Moore filed a divorce complaint June 17, 2013, in Michigan's Antrim County, where the couple has a lakefront home.

A consent judgment of divorce was entered and the case was closed Tuesday.

Moore spokesman Christian Muirhead says his client and Glynn "have mutually and amicably reached a divorce settlement." The Associated Press left a message Wednesday seeking comment from Glynn's lawyer.

Moore's filing from last year said his relationship with Glynn had broken down and there remained "no reasonable likelihood that the marriage" could be preserved.

Moore and Glynn married in Flint in 1991. Glynn was the producer or executive producer of many of Moore's documentary films, including "Fahrenheit 9/11," "Sicko" and "Capitalism: A Love Story."

Tyke becomes a terror when mom takes back her cellphone

DEAR ABBY: When my friend "Fran" and I get together with our kids, they often play games on her cellphone until the battery dies. If she tries to take the phone from her 6-year-old to make a call or recharge the phone, he starts yelling at her, pushes her, pulls her skirt and hits her. Her reaction is to hug him and start praying for the devil to get out of his body in Jesus' name as he continues to hit her.

While I respect Fran's religion, I'm appalled at his violent behavior, concerned that he will grow up thinking it's OK to hit people, and I think this should be handled differently. What do you think? Should I say something? And if so, what can I say so as not to hurt her feelings?

APPALLED BY THE VIOLENCE

DEAR APPALLED: Surely by now Fran knows what will happen when she lets her son play with her cellphone. The boy may act this way because his mother never taught him how to deal with frustration in a healthy way.

Whether his outbursts are the result of poor parenting or an emotional disability, be less concerned about hurting Fran's feelings than about whether her son could seriously hurt her in another year or two. Tell her this and urge her to discuss the boy's behavior with his pediatrician—before his problems get worse and he becomes unmanageable.

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DEAR ABBY: I recently got married. The week before our wedding, my husband was so hateful and hard to get along with that I wasn't sure what was going on with him. When I asked if he was sure he still wanted to get married, he would say yes.

On the day of our wedding he brought up his ex-wife's name twice—each time making snide remarks. Nonetheless, he married me. He has slept downstairs every night since our wedding, not in our bed. Our marriage has yet to be consummated.

So tell me, Abby, what's his problem? I'm miserable!

MISERABLE BRIDE IN OHIO

DEAR BRIDE: The only person who can answer that question is your husband. Clearly, he is not happy either. Tell him that you are worried about him and ask him to level with you. Offer him the option of marriage counseling, but if he refuses, then, frankly, you both may be better off if this marriage is annulled.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm in my 30s and have a tattoo on my forearm that I now regret getting. I try to wear sweaters so no one will notice. In the past when people discovered I have a tattoo, they have judged me so I ended up feeling ashamed of myself.

I am debating having it removed—or I could go to driving school to become a long-haul trucker. Both options are expensive, and I'm undecided about which to do. Can you advise me?

TORN IN SAN ANTONE

DEAR TORN: It's a hard choice, but truck drivers make good money, so you may be on to something. Once you have the money, you could have the tattoo removed, if you still want to, so I'm voting for going to driving school.

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Abby shares more than 100 of her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "More Favorite Recipes by Dear Abby." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $14 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

DEAR ABBY

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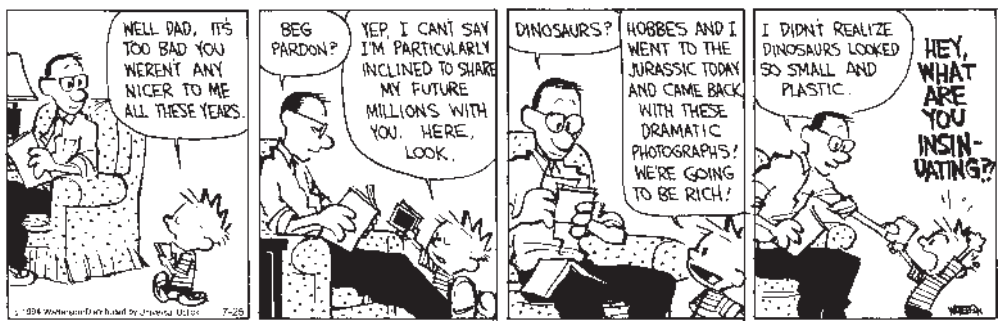
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


WELL DAD, IT'S TOO BAD YOU WEREN'T ANY NICER TO ME ALL THESE YEARS.
BEG PARDON?
YEP, I CAN'T SAY I'M PARTICULARLY INCLINED TO SHARE MY FUTURE MILLIONS WITH YOU. HERE, LOOK.
DINOSAURS?
HOBBES AND I WENT TO THE JURASSIC TODAY AND CAME BACK WITH THESE DRAMATIC PHOTOGRAPHS! WE'RE GOING TO BE RICH!
I DIDN'T REALIZE DINOSAURS LOOKED SO SMALL AND PLASTIC.
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU INSINUATING?!

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By Jim Davis

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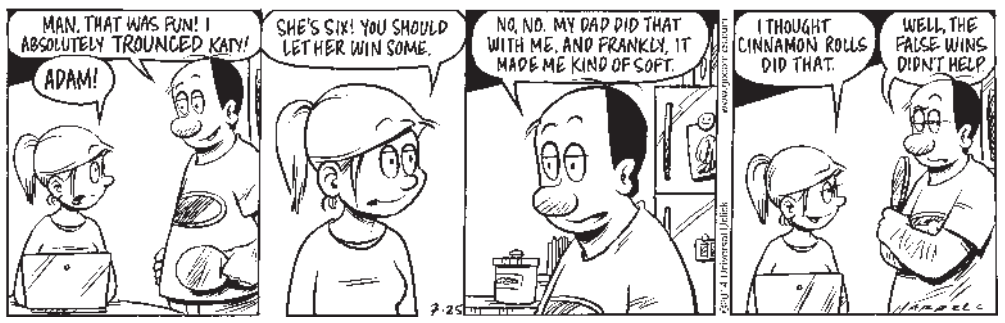
By Bryan Basset


MAN, THAT WAS FUN! I ABSOLUTELY TROUNCED KATY!
ADAM!
SHE'S SIX! YOU SHOULD LET HER WIN SOME.
NO, NO. MY DAD DID THAT WITH ME, AND FRANKLY, IT MADE ME KIND OF SOFT.
I THOUGHT CINNAMON ROLLS DID THAT.
WELL, THE FALSE WINS DIDN'T HELP

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Make notes
4 Cry from the crow's nest
8 Small recipe measure
12 Listener
13 Bread spread
14 Writer Wiesel
15 Rare delivery
17 Pop
18 Wan
19 Poet's concern
20 Fleshy cheeks
22 Den
24 Hertz rival
25 As one
29 Mal de —
30 Rustic home
31 Conductor de Waart
32 Fellow churchgoers
34 Long tale
35 Gang member
36 Not so narrow
37 Bow missile
40 Crazy
41 Bruin
42 Simple runway
46 Second letter
47 Feed the hogs
48 Bachelorette's final answer?
49 Emcee Trebek
50 European range
51 Peace, to the Pope

DOWN
1 Lustrous black
2 Rowing need
3 Alarm trigger of a sort
4 Lounges
5 Sheltered
6 Profit
7 Two, in Tijuana
8 Abandon
9 Oodles
10 Faction
11 Get wind of
16 Clique members
19 Carriage
20 Door-frame piece
21 Finished
22 Like one's ears or brain
23 Not "fer"
25 Poi base
26 Intellectually stimulating act
27 Advantage
28 Bellow
30 Food
33 Insect's middle
34 Winnow
36 Bees' nastier kin
37 "Mamma Mia" inspiration
38 Stagger
39 Assess
40 Fall
42 Simile center
43 Poorly
44 Mrs. McKinley
45 Chicken —

Solution time: 26 mins.

A	N	N	A	■	G	I	G	■	A	E	R	O
M	E	A	L	■	A	D	A	■	B	R	O	W
P	A	I	L	■	S	O	L	■	H	A	I	L
S	T	R	O	P	S	■	L	A	O	S	■	■
■	■	■	W	A	Y	N	E	B	R	A	D	Y
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A	M	A	D	■	B	U	Y	■	A	L	O	W
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B	R	A	D	Y	B	U	N	C	H	■	■	■
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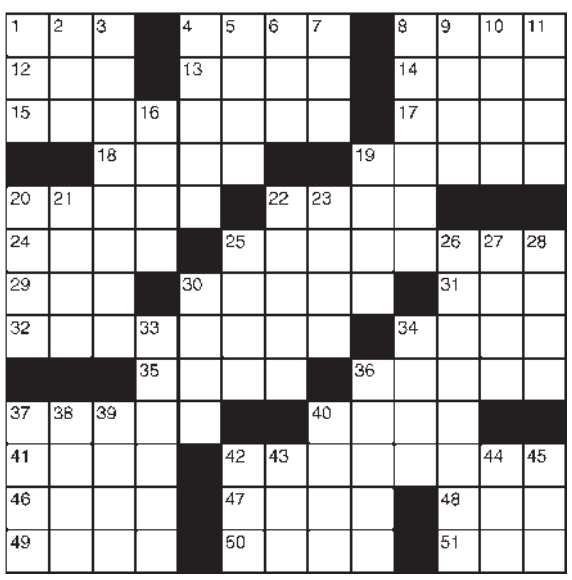
Yesterday's answer 7-25



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Happy Birthday: Keep a level head this year. Don't jump to conclusions or make a move before you have all the facts. It's important to utilize your talents to the fullest and to concentrate on what you can do best. Strive for perfection and completion, and you will bypass setbacks and complaints. Live in the moment and make each minute count. Your numbers are 8, 14, 17, 24, 30, 36, 47.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Good fortune will be yours. Invest, sign contracts or finalize settlements that have been pending. Don't fight change; embrace it and keep moving forward. There is much to gain if you are open to new ideas and lifestyles. ✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Travel to places you have never been before or set up a time and place to meet someone you haven't seen in a long time. Connecting on a spiritual, emotional or intellectual level will lead to a change that offers hope. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Take a closer look at how you can utilize your assets and skills to get further ahead. An innovative idea will grab someone's attention, but don't be too eager to share your rewards. Make considerate contributions. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Don't be fooled by sweet talk or compliments. Question the motives of others before giving in to a plan, suggestion or commitment that may compromise your integrity or current situation. Protect what's yours and proceed with caution. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Protect your secrets. Someone will take advantage of your openness. A change in status or position may be a force play initially, but in the end it will work in your favor. Don't get upset, do a stellar job. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Take control and follow your dream. Don't let the changes someone else makes deter you from doing what you want. Be true to yourself and don't waffle if someone questions you. Speak openly and honestly. Love is highlighted. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Explore new possibilities, but don't burn bridges. You are best to maintain a balance among the past, present and the future. Harmony and connecting one thing to another will help you build a strong base and a bright future. ✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): If you don't go overboard or take on too much, you will make fabulous progress. Let innovation, creativity and imagination be your guide to better decisions and a happier and healthier lifestyle. Romance will improve your love life. ✪✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Helping others will set the stage for bigger and better opportunities. Your ability to get things done will show others your capabilities and willingness to embrace responsibility. Don't get angry when what's required is taking control in order to make things happen. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Roll with the punches. Listen to what others say and do, but don't commit to anything just yet. Time is on your side and stepping back will give you the space required to reassess your position. Don't make decisions to please others. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Your innovative ideas will lead to some fast cash or a new position with higher earning potential. Invest in an idea you have or make a job change that gives you room to grow. Be a team player. Get along with your peers. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): You can turn your dreams into a reality if you explore creative ideas and network with interesting people. Self-improvement will pay off. Romance is in the stars and will impress and win the affection you desire from someone special. ✪✪✪✪✪

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

	9							6
2		5	1			8		
1			6			7		
				5	9			
	7						8	
			4	3				
		7			5			2
		4			6	1		9
3							4	

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 7/25

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

2	6	8	9	5	1	7	3	4
5	3	7	6	4	8	2	1	9
4	9	1	3	7	2	8	5	6
9	4	3	1	8	7	6	2	5
7	8	5	2	6	4	1	9	3
1	2	6	5	9	3	4	7	8
3	7	9	4	2	6	5	8	1
6	5	2	8	1	9	3	4	7
8	1	4	7	3	5	9	6	2

Difficulty Level ★★★ 7/21

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

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N	S	F	E	T	E	F	S	R	A	S	M	L	I	F
E	Ⓐ	E	O	V	I	P	O	E	M	S	L	T	D	I
E	H	Ⓡ	I	C	E	B	O	A	A	I	Y	R	E	N
T	R	T	Ⓣ	G	U	N	A	D	R	L	A	E	A	I
L	C	I	L	Ⓢ	O	S	T	H	D	I	S	N	S	S
A	O	Y	T	A	R	L	T	S	D	N	S	O	S	H
N	E	R	R	A	E	E	I	E	T	K	E	T	U	E
O	L	A	A	E	S	H	P	R	O	R	F	M	M	T
I	B	L	V	S	S	O	I	O	T	A	O	E	Y	G
T	A	U	E	S	L	E	B	S	R	R	H	P	R	E
A	Y	B	L	C	E	E	A	C	T	T	E	A	S	N
C	O	A	Y	I	A	L	V	R	I	O	S	L	P	R
U	J	C	A	M	R	E	A	O	C	P	R	A	A	E
D	N	O	W	O	N	S	W	E	N	H	G	Y	S	X
E	E	V	A	C	H	I	L	D	R	E	N	A	C	S

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Yesterday's Answer: Drilling

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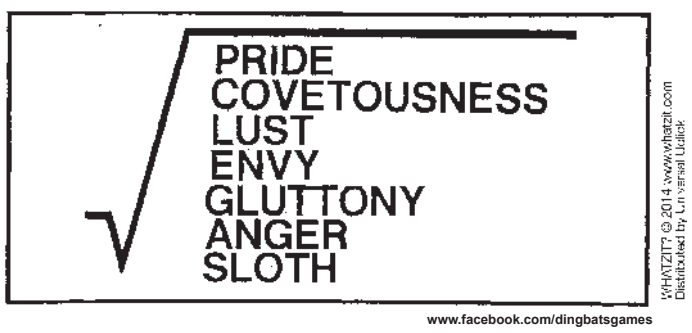

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T'wolves weighing options with Kevin Love

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—The summer of LeBron has quickly turned into the summer of Love. When it ends is anybody's guess.

The Minnesota Timberwolves are weighing their options when it comes to trading All-Star Kevin Love, with the Cleveland Cavaliers and Chicago Bulls both trying to land the versatile forward. But any talks are complicated by an NBA rule that requires a 30-day waiting period to trade any rookie that signs his contract.

Talks have picked up again this week, with the Cavaliers coming off of their long-held resistance to including No. 1 overall draft Andrew Wiggins in an offer and making a trade with Utah on Tuesday to help make an acquisition easier to pull off.

Just as the Cavs appeared to be closing in on grabbing Love to pair with LeBron James and Kyrie Irving in a new-look ''Big 3'' in Cleveland, the Bulls appear to be making one last run to try to wrestle him away from their Eastern Conference competitors.

The Bulls reached out to the Timberwolves again Wednesday, according to a person with knowledge of the discussions who requested anonymity because the teams were not publicly commenting on the process. But it remained unclear just how far they are willing to go to try to turn Minnesota's attention away from Cleveland.

The Timberwolves were big fans of Bulls rookie Doug McDermott in the pre-draft process, but he landed in Chicago on a draft-night deal with Denver.

AP

The Minnesota Timberwolves are weighing their options when it comes to trading All-Star Kevin Love, right, with the Cleveland Cavaliers and Chicago Bulls.

McDermott shined at the Las Vegas Summer League, showing a versatile and NBA-ready offensive game, and after missing out on Carmelo Anthony in free agency.

That would make it difficult for the Bulls, who need all the offensive help they can get, to part with him.

In coveting Wiggins and McDermott, the Wolves have the same obstacle with both teams. McDermott signed his contract on Tuesday and Wiggins was expected to sign his contract later this week. That means no potential deal involving either of those two players could be officially executed for 30 days after the signing.

That's a lifetime in the NBA.

Teams could agree in principle to trades before the period ends, but waiting around for the deadline to pass and for the ink to dry figures to be tense. Thirty days gives everyone involved in the deal a lot of time to think, and other teams to see the agreement and make renewed pushes for Love, one of the best power forwards in the game.

The Timberwolves have already made it clear that that the only way the Cavs get Love, who is scheduled to report for Team USA training camp in Las Vegas next week, is if they include Wiggins in the deal. A package with Wiggins, former No. 1 pick Anthony Bennett and a future first-round draft pick would likely force Wolves president and coach Flip Saunders to endure a more drastic rebuild than he initially had hoped for when trading the face of his franchise.

The Wolves are also considering involving a third team in the deal to both unload contacts like J.J. Barea and bring another veteran in at power forward to help fill Love's sizable shoes. Kevin Martin was another player thought to be included in trade talks, but the Timberwolves would likely need his offense and his experience on a young team if a deal with the Cavaliers is completed.

There are also financial implications to consider. Until Wiggins is officially under contract, he holds no monetary value in any deal and the Cavs must clear salary in order to take on Love's contract. Wiggins' contract will be worth $5.5 million next season, which gets the Cavs much further down the road to matching Love's salary.

The longer the trade takes to get finalized, the greater the risk it could fall apart. The Timberwolves are already leery of parting with their franchise player and anything that drags negotiations out could hinder Cleveland's chances of landing Love.

Excited fans are on the edge of their seats waiting for a resolution that likely isn't coming anytime soon.

The 30-day moratorium also prevents the teams from publicly acknowledging any agreement, meaning the rumor-filled summer of Love is likely to drag on.

Playful Pole wins Tour stage, as Nibali marches on

PLA D'ADET, France (AP)—On the last of four Pyrenees ascents, Rafal Majka winked at a French TV camera and tugged playfully at a motorcycle's antenna.

Even this late in the Tour de France, the Polish rider made winning look easy as he took Stage 17 on Wednesday.

For Vincenzo Nibali, the second ride in the mountains on France's border with Spain was more serious. ''The Shark'' nibbled yet more seconds away from several of his closest challengers, and the yellow jersey that he has worn for all but two days of the race seemed to fit just a little more tightly ahead of the finish Sunday in Paris.

Nibali was even business-like with his own prime minister, imploring him not to get too ahead of himself in celebration.

''It's true that I received a text message from Matteo Renzi, who invited me to Chigi Palace to celebrate my victory,'' the cautious Sicilian said about the premier's official residence. ''I replied that only after winning - if I do so - I'll be able to say that I'll be present.''

The 124.5-kilometer (77-mile) trek Wednesday was the shortest stage in this year's Tour. It covered three hard Category 1 ascents from Saint-Gaudens and a final push up to Pla d'Adet ski station above the town of Saint-Lary-Soulan.

Majka, who also won Stage 14 in the Alps, again showed he's the best climber in this Tour and tightened his grip on the polka dot jersey awarded to the race's King of the Mountains.

With a last Pyrenean day ahead Thursday, Majka could ensure that he takes the red-dot jersey home. His closest rival for it when the stage started was Spain's Joaquim Rodriguez, who swatted the air in frustration at Majka when the Pole broke away on the last climb.

Majka said he felt ''comfort'' in the last five kilometers in part because he'd been saving up energy a day earlier by riding easier. He finished in a bunch 24 1/2 minutes behind Australian teammate Michael Rogers, who won Stage 16.

By Wednesday, ''I felt really, really good in the last climb,'' Majka said, after tapping his chest, thrusting his arms skyward and shouting in joy at the victory. ''For me, when there are a lot of climbs, it's the best.''

There was a time when seemingly effortless victories smacked of something more sinister at the Tour: the use of performance-enhancers.

Few know the scars of cycling's doping past more than Majka's own manager at the Tinkoff-Saxo Bank team, Bjarne Riis. Once a national hero in Denmark after winning the 1996 Tour, he admitted to using blood-booster EPO more than a decade later - and was vilified for it. He laid low for a while, but then returned to the pro cycling world.

''I promised Bjarne today that I would win the stage,'' said Majka.

The echoes of doping resonated Wednesday on the grassy Pyrenean mountainside: The last times that Saint-Lary-Soulan hosted Tour stage finishes were in 2001 and 2005 - won by Lance Armstrong and teammate George Hincapie. Those wins were later stripped because of doping. Their names have been crossed out in the official Tour history book.

Cycling has made great strides in fighting doping with enhanced blood and urine testing, along with the biological passport program, but few experts would claim that the peloton today is entirely clean.

Testimony ends in trial over $2B Clippers sale

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Testimony ended Wednesday in the trial to determine whether Donald Sterling's estranged wife can sell the Los Angeles Clippers in a proposed $2 billion deal with former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer.

Shelly Sterling, who had testified early in the trial, was expected to be the final witness, but her husband's lawyers decided not to call her back to the stand.

Instead, they called Dr. Jeffrey Cummings to discuss the protocol of examinations such as the ones given to Donald Sterling to determine his mental competency and ability to act as owner.

Most of his testimony drew objections from Shelly Sterling's attorneys, and the judge said he didn't see how it would help him reach a decision.

The trial will not be in session for the rest of the week. The two sides are scheduled to return for closing arguments on Monday.

Superior Court Judge Michael Levanas reminded Sterling's lawyers that both sides had agreed not to make Donald Sterling's mental capacity an issue in the trial.

Levanas said he was surprised when the lawyers made that move, and that he would have been interested in hearing about Donald Sterling's mental competency.

Given that decision by lawyers, the judge rejected most of Cummings' testimony and refused to receive the psychiatrist's report submitted by the Sterling lawyers.

Outside court, attorneys for Shelly Sterling and Ballmer said that if they win, they will ask the judge to allow the sale to go through immediately in spite of any appeals that might be filed.

Sterling's lawyers said they intend to seek an injunction to stop the sale if the judge rules against them. They have filed their own lawsuit in state court against Shelly Sterling, NBA Commissioner Adam Silver and the league.

Shelly Sterling's potentially record-breaking deal with Ballmer was struck after Donald Sterling's racist remarks to a girlfriend were recorded and publicized. The NBA moved to oust him as team owner, fined him $2.5 million and banned him for life.

Sterling deputized his wife to negotiate the sale. But then he changed his mind and said he would fight the sale and spend the rest of his life suing the NBA.

Shelly Sterling went to probate court to ensure that the sale she negotiated with Ballmer would go through.

The trial was full of emotion and drama, especially for a probate-court trial to determine technical legal and financial questions.

Most of the fireworks came from Donald Sterling, who shouted at attorneys for both sides, denounced the NBA and its commissioner for trying to oust him from the league over racist recordings, and at one point called Shelly Sterling a "pig" as she left the witness stand.

Mets withstand Mariners' late rally

SEATTLE (AP)—Bartolo Colon came within seven outs of a perfect game, giving up a single to Robinson Cano with two outs in the seventh inning, and the New York Mets held off a late rally to beat the Seattle Mariners 3-2 on Wednesday.

The 41-year-old Colon retired the first 20 batters he faced before Cano lined a 2-2 pitch into left field. Colon (9-8) improved to 13-1 all-time at Safeco Field. Seattle had no answers for the rotund right-hander, who gave up two runs and three hits in 7 1-3 innings.

Taijuan Walker (1-2) walked six and struck out five in his first start in the majors since July 7.

Tigers 11, Diamondbacks 5

In Phoenix, Miguel Cabrera hit a three-run homer, Austin Jackson a three-run double and the Tigers wore out the Diamondbacks in a slugfest.

Detroit roughed up Trevor Cahill (1-7), going up 7-0 after four innings behind Jackson's big hit and three RBIs by Alex Avila.

Arizona clawed its way back against Anibal Sanchez (7-4), scoring three runs off him in the fifth and two more over the next two innings.

Joba Chamberlain needed one pitch to escape a jam created by Sanchez in the seventh inning and Cabrera put the Tigers up 11-5 in the eighth, hitting his 15th homer off the foul pole in left.

Didi Gregorius homered and had two RBIs for the Diamondbacks.

Twins 3, Indians 1

In Minneapolis, Anthony Swarzak pitched five sharp innings in a fill-in start, Oswaldo Arcia homered and the Twins beat Cleveland.

Danny Santana scored after two of his three hits for the Twins, and five relievers totaled six strikeouts over four scoreless innings. Glen Perkins finished up in the ninth for his 24th save in 27 tries.

When Kyle Gibson developed a sore back the day before, Swarzak (2-0) was summoned from the bullpen to replace him in the rotation. He threw 75 pitches and allowed just two hits and one walk while striking out three.

Yankees 2, Rangers 1

In New York, once the rain arrived, Yu Darvish and the Texas Rangers never got another chance to come back against New York.

They did, however, find time during the delay to trade closer Joakim Soria to Detroit.

Brett Gardner hit a tiebreaking homer off Darvish, and the Yankees beat the Rangers 2-1 Wednesday night in a rain-shortened game stopped in the fifth inning under bizarre circumstances.

Blue Jays 6, Red Sox 4

In Toronto, Jose Bautista provided the power and R.A Dickey earned the win, but two perfect innings from promising rookie Aaron Sanchez was all anyone in the Toronto Blue Jays' clubhouse wanted to talk about.

Bautista homered and drove in two runs, Dickey won for the first time in three starts and Toronto beat the Boston Red Sox 6-4 on Wednesday night.

Royals 2, White Sox 1

In Chicago, Mike Moustakas scored the tiebreaking run in the top of the ninth inning when White Sox catcher Tyler Flowers couldn't handle a throw home, and Kansas City beat Chicago 2-1 in the rubber game of a three-game series.

Moustakas triggered the decisive rally with a lead-off single off Zach Putnam (3-2), the last of four White Sox pitchers. Alcides Escobar bunted Moustakas over before Nori Aoki flared a single to center field.

Adam Eaton's strong throw beat Moustakas to the plate, but Flowers lost control of the ball when the runner slid into him.

Rockies 6, Nationals 4

In Denver, Jorge De La Rosa struck out a season-high 11 as he pitched efficiently into the eighth inning and the wobbly Colorado bullpen held off Washington's late rally, helping the Rockies snap a seven-game.

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Brewers 5, Reds 1

In Milwaukee, Mark Reynolds homered twice and the Brewers completed a three-game sweep of the Reds.

Kyle Lohse pitched 6 2-3 innings to hand the Reds their sixth straight loss since the All-Star break.

Lohse (11-4) walked two, struck out three and allowed four hits.

Reynolds connected on a 1-1 pitch from Reds starter Mike Leake (7-9) for his 15th home run of the season. Rickie Weeks was on with a double to start the sixth.

Reynolds' second home run came off reliever Jumbo Diaz in the eighth.

De La Rosa (11-6) was one strikeout away from matching his career high set in 2009. The hard-throwing lefty allowed two runs — one earned — before being lifted for a reliever with one out in the eighth.

Athletics 9, Astros 7

In Oakland, Yoenis Cespedes homered twice and tied a career high with five RBIs before leaving with an apparent right thumb injury, and the Oakland Athletics held off the Houston Astros 9-7 on Wednesday night.

The two-time reigning Home Run Derby champion hit a three-run drive in the second inning and a two-run shot in the fourth off Brad Peacock (3-7) for his 15th and 16th homers this season. Cespedes snapped a 25-game skid - matching his career high—since his last long ball June 19 against Boston.

Angels 3, Orioles 2

In Anaheim, Kole Calhoun drew a bases-loaded walk from reliever Brian Matusz in the eighth inning after a tying RBI double by Erick Aybar, and the Los Angeles Angels pulled out a 3-2 victory over the Baltimore Orioles on Wednesday night.

Jered Weaver (11-6) allowed two runs and six hits through eight innings, striking out six and walking none before the Angels recorded their major league-best 31st come-from-behind win. The right-hander won his fourth straight decision.

Padres 8, Cubs 3

In Chicago, When asked through a translator if he was nervous in his second big-league start, Tsuyoshi Wada said simply, "Yes."

It showed as Wada (0-1) allowed five runs on five hits and four walks in four-plus innings in an 8-3 loss to San Diego on Wednesday night.

The 33-year-old Japanese left-hander seemed shaky from the opening pitch in his first appearance at Wrigley Field, after allowing just one unearned run in a no-decision at Cincinnati on July 8.

Giants 3, Phillies 1

In Philadephia, the Phillies' offense wasted a good outing by a starter.

Former Phillies outfielder Hunter Pence drove in all of San Francisco's runs with a double in the ninth inning, and Madison Bumgarner pitched eight scoreless innings to lead the Giants to a 3-1 victory over Philadelphia on Wednesday night.

One night after blowing just his third save in 26 chances, closer Jonathan Papelbon (2-2) took the loss.

Cities to meet with USOC about 2024 OIympics

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP)—Leaders from the four U.S. cities in the running to bid for the 2024 Summer Games will meet with U.S. Olympic Committee leadership Friday in the first gathering to include representatives from all the major interested parties.

The USOC has asked teams from Los Angeles, Boston, Washington and San Francisco to send up to four people each for what it is billing as a low-key informative session about the finances and other details about bidding for the Olympics.

USOC CEO Scott Blackmun told The Associated Press the list of representatives was still being completed as of Wednesday. Though the USOC wasn't gearing this toward city and state leaders, Blackmun said all the cities were welcome to bring whoever they wanted.

"We want to give them the opportunity to understand a little more about the USOC and the programs we have in place," Blackmun said.

This will be the city leaders' first major meeting with Blackmun and chairman Larry Probst. Chief bid and protocol officer Chris Sullivan, chief communications and public affairs officer Patrick Sandusky and Olympic insider Doug Arnot were in charge of vetting the cities and trimming the list to four. Chief marketing officer Lisa Baird and chief development officer Jon Denney will also attend.

The USOC is waiting until early next year before deciding whether to bid for the 2024 Games, which will be awarded in 2017. Other cities possibly in the running include Rome, Paris, Doha and Istanbul.

AP

Leaders from the four U.S. cities in the running to bid for the 2024 Summer Games will meet with U.S. Olympic Committee leadership Friday, according to USOC CEO Scott Blackmun, seen here in an undated file photo.

Key to the USOC's decision will be how the International Olympic Committee alters its bidding process as part of a number of changes, called Olympic Agenda 2020, it will make at meetings in December.

Blackmun said the uncertainty hasn't stopped the USOC from moving forward with its domestic process.

"The structure of the bid and the bones of the bid may need to change based on the IOC process," Blackmun said. "Our sense for each of these cities isn't going to be changed by that. The progress we're going to be making now will be valuable almost irrespective of the IOC process."

The leaders will tour the U.S. Olympic Training Center and see the USOC's new downtown offices, where some of the nuts and bolts of a bid will be explained.

One key presentation will cover the Joint Marketing Program Agreement - a deal the USOC must sign with a bid city that binds it to handing over a significant portion of its sponsorship money to the newly formed organizing committee if it wins the bid.

Loew stays as coach of Germany

BERLIN (AP)—Germany coach Joachim Loew said on Wednesday that he never considered leaving his post after winning the World Cup title and insisted he would see out his contract which runs until Euro 2016.

"I didn't think of stopping for one second," said Loew, 54, in an interview published on the German Football Federation (DFB) website.

Loew took over as German head coach in 2006 after two years as assistant to Jurgen Klinsmann and extended his contract until 2016 before the World Cup in Brazil.

"I didn't extend my contract with the DFB until 2016 to prematurely break it," said Loew, who had refused to answer questions about his future after guiding his side's defeat of Argentina in this month's World Cup final.

"I simply kept to what we had agreed before the World Cup that we were going to calmly sit down and analyse the tournament as we have done after every tournament," he explained.

Loew said that he was already looking forward to leading Germany to a fourth European title at Euro 2016 which will be played in France.

"I can't imagine anything more beautiful than to continue working with this team, to lead them to the European championship in France, to continue to develop the group and each of the players," he said.

CNMI

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Reyes blasted a single to centerfield and the outfielder failed to catch the ball, allowing a CNMI runner to reach home plate for the game-winning run.

The CNMI-Pohnpei match was a close one with the former taking a 3-2 advantage after three complete innings. Rogolifoi's wards scored one run in the first and two in the third, while Pohnpei also had two runs. The opposing teams traded one run apiece in the next three innings to keep the game tight before a two-run top of the seventh allowed Pohnpei to steal the lead. However, the CNMI countered with two runs at the bottom seventh to foil Pohnpei's bid.

Joe Palacios, Jr. and Roy Celis pitched for the CNMI with the former getting four strikeouts in four innings pitched and the latter having two in two innings. On offense, the CNMI had three hits, off Reyes' two base hits, and one walk.

Versus Kosrae, the CNMI needed an one extra inning to keep its flawless record.

The Commonwealth bets had a three-run bottom of the eighth to avoid Kosrae's upset axe. The CNMI-Kosrae match was called off due to rain last Wednesday with neither team scoring after two innings. They got one run each in the next two innings at the resumption of the match yesterday and remained tied as they failed to score in the last three innings. Kosrae then broke the ice at the top of the extra inning with its two runs, but the CNMI answered with three runs at the bottom to escape with the victory.

Vince Cepeda pitched 7.2 innings for the CNMI and had six strikeouts. Tyrone Omar had two hits, while Jared Sablan got one RBI for the CNMI.

2 more silver medals in athletics

Runner Jesse James gave the CNMI its last medal in the athletics competition after placing second in the men's half marathon race yesterday.

James finished the 21.0975-run in 1:18:58 win take the silver medal. Pohnpei's Magdano Marquez got the gold with his 1:17:36, while the CNMI's Seiya Eda nearly joined James in the medal podium after placing fourth with a time of 1:22:46. Chuuk's Rexter Muritok denied Eda's medal bid after posting 1:20:20. Dylan Ackerman was the third CNMI bet to join the longest race of the tournament and timed in at 1:39:08. In the women's division, Reloliza Saimon won the gold after clocking in at 1:34.48 against the 1:39.08 of Palau's Christina Wicker.

James' silver was the last two medals the CNMI got in Days 3 and 4 of the Games with Jaynard White giving Team Marianas the other silver medal last Wednesday night. White recorded 1.50m in the long jump to finish second behind the 1.51m of Palau's Adolph Speng Demei. Jacques Stills (1.45m) also of Palau got the bronze.

With the two more silver medals in athletics, the CNMI has earned 18 medals after four days of competition, 10 of them are gold, seven are silver, and one is bronze. Guam leads the medal tally with its 33-19-7 haul, while Pohnpei (27-31-20), and Palau (22-15-22) complete the Top 3. The CNMI is in fifth place behind Marshall Islands (10-19-24) and is hoping to gain a few more medals with the canoe racing and weightlifting scheduled to start this weekend and yesterday and basketball and baseball still having their competition.

POUNDS

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while Emily Maxberry hit a wide shot. Maxberry tried anew in the 28th minute and this time she converted the header, giving the CNMI a 2-0 lead.

The Luam Khen Koo-coached squad kept Macau's defenders busy, as Jeralyn Castillo, Megan Silberberger, Maxberry, and Carrie Schuler each made one attempt in a bid to pad the CNMI's lead. Macau's defense stood out in the next 10 minutes and change, but not until it was Gabrielle White's turn to kick the ball in, right into the closing minute of the first half. Race's goal lifted the CNMI to a 3-0 halftime lead and the advantage ballooned in the second half, as Macau could not find a way to counter the Commonwealth's attack.

With the CNMI getting three goals in the first 45 minutes of play, Macau was forced to relieve its starting goalie. However, the goalkeeper change could not prevent the Commonwealth belts from securing the blowout, as it continued to dominate possession in the second half, while complementing their impressive offensive game with a strong defense to shut out Macau.

Maxberry opened the CNMI's scoring in the second half, thanks to Melody Johnson's assist. Maxberry lit up the board in the 65th minute and eight minutes later, Silberberger finally found her target, widening the gap, 4-0. Jeralyn's younger sister Jeraldine also got into the spree with her goal in the 81st minute, while Schuler earned her second goal in an international competition (she had one in a similar EAFF event a couple of years ago) after firing one under the four-minute stoppage time to complete the big victory.

The win was a fitting follow-up on the CNMI Men's National Team's 2-1 triumph over Macau last Wednesday. Both teams recorded their first victory in an EAFF-sanctioned tournament.

Maxberry, the Castillo sisters, Schuler, Silberberger, Vergara, Race, Mikky Vargas, Marielle Gariguez, Dianne Pablo, and goalkeeper Jhaneeka Atalig were the starters for the CNMI, while Michelle Masga and Johnson were the substitutes.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	55	45	.550	—
New York	52	48	.520	3
Toronto	53	49	.520	3
Tampa Bay	49	53	.480	7
Boston	47	54	.465	8½
Central Division				
Detroit	56	42	.571	—
Cleveland	51	50	.505	6½
Kansas City	50	50	.500	7
Chicago	48	54	.471	10
Minnesota	46	54	.460	11
West Division				
Oakland	62	38	.620	—
Los Angeles	60	40	.600	2
Seattle	53	48	.525	9½
Houston	42	59	.416	20½
Texas	40	61	.396	22½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	55	44	.556	—
Atlanta	55	46	.545	1
New York	48	53	.475	8
Miami	47	53	.470	8½
Philadelphia	43	58	.426	13
Central Division				
Milwaukee	57	45	.559	—
Pittsburgh	54	47	.535	2½
St. Louis	54	47	.535	2½
Cincinnati	51	50	.505	5½
Chicago	41	58	.414	14½
West Division				
San Francisco	57	44	.564	—
Los Angeles	56	47	.544	2
San Diego	44	56	.440	12½
Arizona	44	58	.431	13½
Colorado	41	60	.406	16

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Marlin Chasers tops billfish category

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After losing the grand prize to Guam's *Goru*, Tinian's *Marlin Chasers* settled for first place in the billfish contest in the 30th Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament held over the weekend.

Marlin Chasers' 268.5-lb Pacific marlin caught last Sunday nearly stood out among the single catch marlin of the participating boats until *Goru* had its marlin weighed in a few minutes later and tipped the scale at 276lbs. The Guam-based boat ended up taking the grand prize and left *Marlin Chasers* with the first place honors in the two-day tournament.

Bob Taguchi captained the *Marlin Chasers* and had Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz, Joe Borja, Ernesto Rangamar, Tim Chen, Gary Peterman, and Ray Dela Cruz as anglers. The *Marlin Chasers* edged Day 1 leader *Regulator* and 2013 grand prize winner Luka & Ben in the billfish category. The Hideyuki Kaya-skippered *Regulator,* which had Alfonso Sebengil, Fons Ngirmeriil, and Quintin Ngirarious as anglers, landed a 169.15-lb marlin last Saturday to take the early lead in the annual competition. *Luka & Ben*, which won last year's event with its 221.5-lb catch, dropped to third this year after bringing in a 149.65-lb marlin also last Saturday.

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Volunteers bring down the marlin *Marlin Chasers* caught last Sunday during the 30th Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament at the Smiling Cove Marina.

Meanwhile, other top finishers in various categories were *Here Fishee Fishee II, Bunita, Da Atta Girl, Magnificat,* and *St. James*.

Here Fishee Fishee II of captain Isidro Sablan and crew members Solomon Castro, Vincent Villagomez, and Jeffrey Reyes ruled the yellowfin tuna category with their 69.55-lb catch. *Here Fishee Fishee II* defeated Guam's *Emmanuel* and *Marlin Chasers*, which reeled in 65.35lbs and 63.40lbs, respectively.

In the wahoo category, *Bunita*'s 35.10lbs gem edged the 28.40lbs of *Rosemary* and 26.15lbs of *Dani-Pai.* The winning boat is captained by Mike Fleming, who was assisted by angler Ruben Garde.

In the mahi division, the Benny Iriarte-captained *Da Atta Girl* caught a 50.60-lb fish last Saturday to prevail against *CM 4556 PU* (36.80lbs) and *MV Gloria* (36.35lbs). Helping Iriarte trolled the Marianas waters for two days were anglers Sheldon, Oscar, and Karrie Fernandez and Ben Tabin.

In the skipjack tuna division, *Magnificat* won a close battle against *Keilani-Ko* with the former hauling in a 17.65-lb fish to beat the latter's 17.45lbs. *Magnificat* is led by captain Frank Camacho, who were joined by anglers Marc Artero, Charles Cruz, Matthew Guzman, and Roy Reyes. *Padre De Familia* took third place with its 17.20-lb skipjack tuna.

St. James completed the list of winners in the weekend competition after prevailing in the total weight division with its 367-lb marlins. Tony Maestro is the boat captain, while Mario Jumalon is his lone angler.

The Top 3 finishers in each categories received wooden trophies, depicting the respective fish they caught, while *Goru* was awarded the giant perpetual trophy.

Favored teams prevail in Tan Holdings caging

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Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan and Shirley's Coffee Shop kept their hold to the Top 2 spots in the 2014 Tan Holdings Inter-Company Basketball League after coasting to victories last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Shirley's walloped CTSI/D&Q in the curtain-raiser, 89-73, to improve to a league-best 6-0 record, while Fiesta moved up to a 5-1 slate, following a 77-67 win over POIC in the second match.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Saipan Tribune/Realty Management Service's Ferdie De La Torre, second left, provides the last line of defense against the driving Matt Duenas of Kanoa Resort during the first quarter of their game in the Tan Holdings caging last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Shirley's secured the 16-point winning margin after going all out in the fourth quarter. Shirley's was ahead by only three at the end of the third period, 61-58, when it nearly doubled CTSI/D&Q's output in the fourth frame to turn a close game into a blowout. Fradel Sedillo led the breakaway, recording 10 points in the final canto, as Shirley's went on a 28-15 scoring binge.

Sedillo finished with a team-high 24 points and drew 14 and 13 markers in support from Erick Dela Rosa and Angel Catungal. Ariel Jinang had a game-high 25 points for CTSI/D&Q and was the lone player on his team to score more than four points. Jimmy Salazar added 19 for CTSI/D&Q, but converted only one field goal in the fourth canto.

In the second game, Fiesta gained momentum in the third period and hung tough in the fourth to hand POI (3-3) its third straight loss.

Fiesta was on top by only four points at halftime, 34-30, when it fired 25 points against only 10 from POI for a commanding 59-40 lead. Djay Ong helped Fiesta pull away in the pivotal third period, nailing 10 of his 28 points in that canto, including the team's last six markers. Three other Fiesta players chipped in at least two baskets apiece to make up for the absence of their key player Elmer Esdrelon.

Ong continued his streak, giving Fiesta its first four points in the fourth frame, while Felix Demafeliz also had a string of baskets for six points to widen the gap. POI never recovered from thereon.

Meanwhile, Kanoa Resort snapped its two-game losing skid after crushing Saipan Tribune/Realty Management Services in the nightcap, 93-69. Kanoa got its fourth victory in six games, while Saipan Tribune/Realty Management Services is still winless after six matches.

First Game

Shirley's 89 – Sedillo 24, Dela Rosa 14, Catungal 13, Laxa 8, Usi 6, Jugos 6, Drillon 4, Domingo 4.

CTSI 73 – Jinang 25, Salazar 19, Garcia 16, Echavez 10, Nieves 6.

Scoring by quarters: 25-18, 46-42 61-58, 89-73.

Second Game

Fiesta 77 – Ong 28, Lavarias 10, Alakda 8, Macoto 6, Villamena 6, Demafeliz 6, Quizon 5, Belo 4, Matsutaro 2.

POI 67 – Villanueva 20, Tenepere 17, Kim 11, Salamat 7, Matagolai 6.

Scoring by quarters: 18-15, 34-30, 59-40, 77-67.

Shirley's, Fiesta Resort survive overtime games

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Back-to-back overtime games took place in the 2014 Budweiser Inter-Hotel Basketball League last Tuesday with Shirley's Coffee Shop and Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan outlasting separates opponents at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Shirley's Coffee Shop endured the first extended match, slipping past Hyatt Regency Saipan in double overtime, 84-81, while Fiesta edged World Resort in another OT tiff in the second game, 85-83. Shirley's barged into the win column after dropping its opener against World Resort last week, while the defending champion Hyatt lost its third match in as many games.

Rommel Usi led Shirley's tough win, as he scored 27 points. He waxed hot from downtown, firing six triples with the last three coming in the fourth and two extension periods. His triple in the second overtime, followed by Joseph Aguilar's point-blanked shot sealed it for Shirley's. Usi also started the first extra five minutes with a shot from downtown, while Sean Rabasto hit clutch free throws to force the second OT, 75-75.

Fradel Sedillo backed up Usi, nailing 26 markers, including four straight points in the first overtime. Aguilar also finished in twin digits with 10, contributing six in the last two extension marks.

Sahj Hossain had 26 points to pace Hyatt but was without a field goal in the second overtime. Hossain played catch up from the start after falling behind by eight in the first period, 14-22, threatening Shirley's on repeated occasions in regulation before falling short in the end, as they could not neutralize Usi and Sedillo in overtime.

Meanwhile, in the second game Elmer Esdrelon drilled two pressure-packed free throws in the closing seconds of the extension period to keep Fiesta's unbeaten record in two games. Fiesta defeated Hyatt in its first game last week.

Esdrelon's crucial charities completed Fiesta's come-from-behind win. Fiesta went scoreless in the first five minutes of the opening canto, allowing World Resort to take an early double-digit spread, 11-0. World Resort went on to end the first frame with a 12-point advantage, 21-9, and retained the double figure lead at the break, 38-23, as Fiesta continued to struggle offensively.

Fiesta then began rallying in the third period, bringing the deficit down to four at the end of the third, 53-49, behind the baskets of Esdrelon, Jared Matsutaro, and Djay Ong. Fiesta kept its uphill climb in the fourth to force the standoff and stole the win in the extra five minutes to hand World Resort its first loss in two games.

Shirley's 84 – Usi 28, Sedillo 26, Dela Rosa 12, Aguila 10, Rabasto 6, Catungal 2.

Hyatt 81 – Hossain 26, Libuw 18, Alipio 12, Vargas 6, Rios 4, Chan 4, Rivera 2, Garcia 2.

Scoring by quarters: 22-14, 31-27, 48-43, 63-63, 75-75 (1st OT), 84-81 (2nd OT).

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Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan's Elmer Esdrelon tries to get away from the defense of two World Resort players during their game in the Budweiser Inter-Hotel caging last Tuesday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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CNMI still unbeaten

THE KASELEHLIE PRESS

Joe Palacios Jr. pitches for the CNMI during the top of the third inning of their game against Pohnpei in the 8 th Micronesian Games at the Daini Field in Pohnpei yesterday.

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The CNMI Baseball Team moved one win away from sweeping the elimination round games in the baseball competition of the 8th Micronesian Games after bagging two victories yesterday at the Daini Field in Pohnpei.

The CNMI first played host Pohnpei in the morning match and pulled off a 6-5 victory. The Commonwealth sluggers then returned to the field in the afternoon to resume their rained-out game against Kosrae and also eked out a close 5-4 win in extra inning to remain undefeated in the five-team field. The Tony Rogolifoi-managed squad will go for a sweep and the top ranking in the tournament today when it faces fellow unbeaten Guam. The Top 2 teams after the elimination will fight for the first finals berth.

Against Pohnpei, the CNMI rode on the heroics of Rocco Reyes, who according to United Youth Media, helped bring the winning run for the CNMI at the bottom of the seventh inning.

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CNMI pounds Macau, 7-0

GUAM FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

The CNMI's Emily Maxberry fights for possession against a Guam player during their game in the Preliminary Round 1 of the 2015 EAFF East Asian Cup at the Guam Football Association Training Centre in Harmon last Sunday. The CNMI lost, but bounced back against Macau yesterday, 7-0.

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The CNMI Women's National Team picked up where its male counterpart left off, hammering the hapless Macau, 7-0, in the Preliminary Round 1 of the 2015 EAFF East Asian Cup at the Guam Football Association Training Centre in Harmon yesterday.

The CNMI's female strikers went on attack more early, muffing several attempts in the first 18 minutes of play, but remained persistent and were rewarded with a barrage of goals in the remaining minutes of the one-sided match.

Midfielder Alexa Vergara drew first blood for the Commonwealth in the 19th minute, ending the CNMI's frustrations, as Jeralyn Castillo and Megan Silberberger earlier made two attempts each and were unsuccessful,

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8th Micronesian Games

MEDAL TALLY
(As of 6pm July 24, 2014)

Countries	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Guam	33	19	7	59
Pohnpei	27	31	30	88
Palau	22	15	22	59
RMI	10	19	24	53
CNMI	10	7	1	18
Kosrae	4	3	7	14
Yap	3	5	6	14
Chuuk	3	4	7	14
Nauru	2	4	3	9
Kiribati	0	0	0	0

Best of luck to the CNMI Paddling Team on your upcoming competition!

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